

Senate Resolution 1304

By: Senators McKoon of the 29th, Orrock of the 36th, Shafer of the 48th, Bethel of the 54th, Albers of the 56th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia's political bloggers for their continued, consistent, and constant role
2 in promoting openness, transparency, and accountability in government at every level and
3 recognizing March 29, 2012, as Blogger Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, blogs offer countless Georgians a vehicle to assert their constitutional rights of
5 free speech and free press; and

6 WHEREAS, blogs promote an interest in government and the political process; and

7 WHEREAS, blogs are extremely vital to the public discourse as they provide attention to
8 various issues facing government at every level; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia's bloggers frequently receive and accept invitations by traditional
10 media outlets to pen opinion columns in newspapers, appear on talk radio programs, and
11 participate in panels on television news networks; and

12 WHEREAS, elected officials frequent Georgia's blogs to communicate with concerned
13 citizens about the work being done on the people's behalf in the halls of government; and

14 WHEREAS, through their issue advocacy, Georgia bloggers steer the debate in the halls of
15 government; and

16 WHEREAS, the growth of political blogs in Georgia fosters democracy and holds the state's
17 elected officials accountable, and their contributions to this state are worthy of recognition.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 commend Georgia's political bloggers for their continued, consistent, and constant role in
20 promoting openness, transparency, and accountability in government at every level and
21 recognize March 29, 2012, as Blogger Day at the capitol.

- 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the public and the press.