

Senate Resolution 512

By: Senators Staton of the 18th, Shafer of the 48th, Carter of the 1st, Chance of the 16th, Crosby of the 13th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Habitat for Humanity and recognizing March 20, 2013, as "Habitat for
2 Humanity Day" at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit Christian housing organization that
4 seeks to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities,
5 and hope; and

6 WHEREAS, since its founding in Americus, Georgia, in 1976, Habitat for Humanity has
7 served more than 600,000 families worldwide by welcoming people of all races, religions,
8 and nationalities to construct, rehabilitate, or preserve homes; by advocating for fair and just
9 housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve
10 their shelter conditions; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgians from all 159 counties have volunteered their time, talents, and
12 resources to create 70 local Habitat for Humanity affiliates to help their fellow Georgians
13 meet their shelter needs; and

14 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Georgia, the state support organization for these 70
15 local Habitat affiliates, was incorporated on January 14, 2009; and

16 WHEREAS, since 1976, Habitat for Humanity affiliates have built and sold more than 4,633
17 homes with 4,633 hard-working families in the State of Georgia, financing them with zero
18 interest loans; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition to building homes, Habitat for Humanity affiliates have provided
20 service to 682 Georgia families with home repairs and rehabilitations; and

21 WHEREAS, the combined economic impact of this construction activity on the Georgia
22 economy in 2012 was approximately \$2.6 billion; and

23 WHEREAS, 31 Habitat for humanity ReStores have generated over \$420,000.00 in sales tax
24 revenue to the State of Georgia from the sale of discounted building materials, home
25 furnishings, and appliances to Georgia residents wanting to preserve home ownership; and

26 WHEREAS, it is fitting to set aside time and recognize the efforts of Habitat for Humanity
27 in Georgia over the last 26 years.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend Habitat for Humanity on their significant contributions to the community and
30 recognize March 20, 2013, as "Habitat for Humanity Day."

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Habitat for Humanity.