

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring a commitment to accessibility by the blind and visually impaired to the state  
2 capitol and legislative offices; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly has continually demonstrated its full support of  
4 persons with disabilities participating fully in the social and economic life of Georgia and has  
5 encouraged and promoted their education and rehabilitation; and

6 WHEREAS, physical access to the state capitol and the legislative process is necessary for  
7 blind and visually impaired persons to be active participants in the government process; and

8 WHEREAS, eliminating unnecessary physical barriers for the blind and visually impaired  
9 and affording the same and equal access to the state capitol and legislative offices is in the  
10 best interest of all Georgia citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, both tactile characters and Braille are essential accessibility tools for persons  
12 who are blind or visually impaired; and

13 WHEREAS, requiring all permanent signs in the state capitol and Coverdell Legislative  
14 Office Building to incorporate tactile characters and Braille will greatly increase accessibility  
15 by blind and visually impaired citizens to their elected representatives and state government.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
17 the members of this body join together to declare their firm and continuing commitment to  
18 accessibility by the blind and visually impaired to the state capitol and legislative offices by  
19 requiring that all permanent signs in the state capitol and Coverdell Legislative Office  
20 Building incorporate tactile characters and Braille.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the National Federation of  
23 the Blind of Georgia.