

## House Resolution 1587

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing February 26 and 27, 2014, as Senior Week at the state capitol and commending
- 2 the contributions of senior Georgians; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, senior citizens are our most rapidly expanding resource with retirees moving
- 4 to Georgia from every state in the nation, increasing the population of older Georgians by 45
- 5 percent since 2000 while the general population has increased only 18 percent; and
- 6 WHEREAS, senior Georgians contribute immeasurably to Georgia's vitality by capitalizing
- 7 on their strengths, talents, knowledge, and resources to provide volunteer leadership in our
- 8 communities; mentor the children of Georgia, enjoy Georgia's natural attractions and leisure
- 9 opportunities, and participate in Georgia's growing international marketplace; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly benefits by hearing from older Georgians and
- 11 their families about the concerns and needs of this growing segment of the population; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in order to influence state policy and to improve the future of all Georgians,
- 13 seniors need to understand and become meaningfully involved in this state's legislative
- 14 process; and
- 15 WHEREAS, since 1987, the Georgia Council on Aging has organized an annual gathering
- 16 of senior Georgians conducting special activities referred to as Senior Week at the Capitol
- 17 to raise public awareness about the needs and contributions of seniors.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 19 the members of this body recognize February 26 and 27, 2014, as Senior Week at the state
- 20 capitol, and all members are encouraged to respond to issues of importance to senior
- 21 Georgians.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Council on  
24 Aging.