

Senate Resolution 350

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, McKoon of the 29th, Heath of the 31st, Thompson of the 14th, Shafer of the 48th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging Congress to enact the FairTax and expressing the State of Georgia's commitment to
2 ratify the repeal of the Sixteenth Amendment and to conform the existing state tax code
3 accordingly; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the FairTax was introduced in the United States House of Representatives and
5 Senate and is the most widely supported fundamental tax reform proposal in Congress; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the FairTax replaces all federal, corporate, and personal taxes with a single,
7 progressive 23 percent consumption tax on new goods and services and allows Georgians to
8 keep 100 percent of every paycheck, as well as repeals the Sixteenth Amendment; and
- 9 WHEREAS, it is designed to be revenue neutral and will not reduce federal revenue, only
10 make its collection simple, fair, and transparent; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the FairTax would eliminate all hidden and embedded costs in the retail prices
12 of goods and services and would save Americans hundreds of billions of dollars in annual
13 compliance costs; and
- 14 WHEREAS, social security and medicare are currently underfunded by the existing payroll
15 tax system, and by replacing this unsustainable structure with two dedicated and stable
16 FairTax revenue streams, the programs would be fiscally sound for generations to come; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the FairTax would provide every American household with a monthly
18 "pre-bate" equal to the consumption tax spent on purchases up to the federal poverty level
19 so that Georgians can purchase the basic necessities of life tax-free; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the FairTax would instantly make businesses more competitive, allow trillions
21 of dollars in private investment to grow the economy, and create thousands of jobs during
22 a time of severe economic hardship for millions of Americans.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 join in urging Congress to adopt the FairTax and repeal the Sixteenth Amendment,
25 committing to promptly ratify the repeal of the Sixteenth Amendment, and conforming
26 Georgia's current tax code accordingly.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
29 congressional delegation.