

## Senate Resolution 525

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, McKoon of the 29th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Crane of the 28th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the vital importance safe and efficient transportation plays in Georgia's  
2 economic and quality of life standards and providing a roadmap for financial support of  
3 transportation in this state; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly recognizes the critical needs of supporting and  
5 maintaining a safe, efficient, and robust infrastructure to efficiently transport people and  
6 goods throughout this state; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly further understands the people of Georgia want  
8 to be fiscally responsible and prioritize spending without additional taxes placed on families  
9 and businesses; and

10 WHEREAS, to meet these important transportation infrastructure needs and goals, the  
11 Georgia General Assembly will appropriate funding to support these initiatives; Georgia  
12 citizens desire an accountable and transparent government to see the progress and return on  
13 investment in such transportation projects; and

14 WHEREAS, beginning at the latest with the 2017 fiscal year budget, the State of Georgia  
15 will dedicate the "4th penny" of the state sales tax on motor fuel for the sole purpose of  
16 transportation projects; this will ensure that all state taxes collected on motor fuel will be  
17 spent for transportation needs; and

18 WHEREAS, beginning at the latest with the 2017 fiscal year budget and continuing annually,  
19 the State of Georgia will prioritize the spending of bond money to include \$300 million in  
20 annual transportation project funding; and

21 WHEREAS, beginning with the 2017 fiscal year budget and continuing annually until 2021,  
22 the State of Georgia will prioritize the growth of revenue dedicating 25 percent of all growth  
23 revenue to transportation funding; each year will compound upon the year prior with a target

24 of \$1 billion annually by 2021; such fund shall continue so long as the Georgia General  
25 Assembly deems it necessary; and

26 WHEREAS, beginning January 1, 2016, the Georgia Department of Transportation shall rank  
27 all pending projects in order of priority based upon a combination of safety, critical  
28 infrastructure repair, and traffic relief; such master project list will be available online to the  
29 public and be updated regularly.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
31 GEORGIA that the members of this body strongly support funding the vital transportation  
32 needs of this state in accordance with the guidelines, policies, and principles contained  
33 herein.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Governor, the  
36 Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Commissioner  
37 of Transportation.