

Senate Resolution 607

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Watson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the State of Georgia, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and electric utility
- 2 companies in Georgia to allow use of their existing rights of way for pipeline expansion; and
- 3 for other purposes.

- 4 WHEREAS, Georgia is a growing state with an ever increasing number of residential and
- 5 commercial communities; and

- 6 WHEREAS, due to the growth in this state, the energy needs of the residents and businesses
- 7 in this state are also rapidly increasing; and

- 8 WHEREAS, to meet these escalating needs, energy suppliers have begun looking at ways
- 9 to increase and expand pipeline capacity throughout the Southeast and particularly in
- 10 Georgia; and

- 11 WHEREAS, pipeline expansion normally involves disturbing and disrupting the current
- 12 usage of large amounts of land in order to excavate and clear proper corridors for the
- 13 pipelines; and

- 14 WHEREAS, there already exists in this state miles of land cleared and lying in protected
- 15 rights of way for use by this state's highways and power transmission needs; and

- 16 WHEREAS, in order to protect the private property rights of all Georgians, it would be
- 17 economically feasible for these existing corridors to be used to meet any future pipeline
- 18 expansion needs, especially when the alternative would be to take new areas of land for such
- 19 projects.

- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 21 GEORGIA that the members of this body urge the State of Georgia, the Georgia Department

22 of Transportation, and electric utility companies in Georgia to allow use of their existing
23 rights of way for pipeline expansion.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Governor of
26 Georgia, the commissioner of transportation, and the Public Service Commission for
27 distribution to electric utility companies in this state.