

House Resolution 885

By: Representatives Burns of the 159th, Hitchens of the 161st, Stephens of the 164th, and Parrish of the 158th

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting the State of Georgia, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and electric
2 utility companies in Georgia to consider allowing use of their existing rights of way for
3 pipeline expansion; and 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 request the State of Georgia, the Georgia

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

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