

Senate Resolution 710

By: Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 3 as Thiokol Plant Remembrance Day and honoring the 29 victims
2 of the Thiokol Plant explosion; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Thiokol Plant exploded on February 3, 1971, killing 29 and injuring 50
4 civilian workers; and

5 WHEREAS, the Thiokol Plant brought financial security and a renewed sense of hope when
6 it was established in the late 1960s; and

7 WHEREAS, the plant transformed Camden County, Georgia, from the plantation era to an
8 industrial based economy; and

9 WHEREAS, the Thiokol Plant supplied three military arsenals in New Jersey, Maryland, and
10 Illinois with ammunition; and

11 WHEREAS, there were 60 employees working in building M-132 when the building
12 exploded, stopping the plant's clocks at 10:53 A.M.; and

13 WHEREAS, the surviving workers never lost sight of their commitment and continued
14 making arms for the military, cleaning up and rebuilding within a year the buildings that
15 were destroyed; and

16 WHEREAS, these honorable workers exemplify the pure essence of the American Spirit,
17 fulfilling this nation's solemn duty and sacred obligation to our troops; and

18 WHEREAS, Camden County and the rest of the nation are stronger and more prepared as a
19 result of the Thiokol explosion and its aftermath.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize February 3 as Thiokol Plant Remembrance Day, honor the 29 victims of the
22 Thiokol Plant explosion, and express their deepest and most sincere regret at this event.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Camden County,
25 Georgia, the workers of the Thiokol Plant, and the families of the victims of the Thiokol
26 explosion.