

Senate Resolution 730

By: Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st and Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the Coastal Regional Commission and other entities to support implementation
2 of the Coastal Georgia Greenway; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Coastal Georgia Greenway is a proposed 155-mile trail linking Savannah
4 to St. Mary's as part of a comprehensive system of bicycle and pedestrian trails along the east
5 coast of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, the trails would traverse parts of six coastal counties in Georgia, providing
7 numerous benefits not only to those counties, but to the entire state; and

8 WHEREAS, the state recognizes the economic, health, recreational, and environmental
9 benefits of the Coastal Georgia Greenway; and

10 WHEREAS, various funding and technical hurdles must be addressed to ensure the timely
11 and proper construction of the Coastal Georgia Greenway for the enjoyment of the citizens
12 of this state and its guests.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 GEORGIA that the members of this body encourage the Coastal Regional Commission to
15 oversee implementation of the Coastal Georgia Greenway in collaboration with the
16 Department of Transportation, Department of Natural Resources, and Coastal Georgia
17 Greenway, Inc.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Coastal Regional Commission is encouraged to
19 create a comprehensive plan to implement the trail and to create and file with the General
20 Assembly an annual report detailing its progress.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

22 (1) The General Assembly is encouraged to make annual appropriations over the next
23 ten years to support the implementation of the Coastal Georgia Greenway;

24 (2) State governmental authorities and the Coastal Regional Commission are encouraged
25 to work with local governments to secure funding from the public and private sectors for
26 the Coastal Georgia Greenway;

27 (3) The Department of Transportation and Department of Natural Resources are
28 encouraged to identify on an annual basis any funding sources that could be used to
29 support the Coastal Georgia Greenway; and

30 (4) The Department of Transportation is encouraged to review its current project list to
31 identify any existing or proposed projects which may be expanded to connect with, or
32 include, the construction of segments of the Coastal Georgia Greenway.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Coastal
35 Regional Commission, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Natural
36 Resources.