

Senate Resolution 1179

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Jeffares of the 17th, Ginn of the 47th, Crane of the 28th, Walker III of the 20th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Utility Contractors Association and recognizing March 24, 2016,
2 as Georgia Utility Contractors Association Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Utility Contractors Association is a 45-year old nonprofit trade
4 association representing the underground utility construction industry with the mission of
5 promoting safety and responsible installation and rehabilitation of new and existing
6 underground utility infrastructure to consist of water, sewer, gas, electrical,
7 telecommunications, and water and wastewater treatment plants, dams, and landfills; and

8 WHEREAS, it brings the underground utility construction industry, policymakers, and
9 stakeholders together as they focus on long-range underground utility infrastructure
10 development, encourage adequate government services, catalyze consensus on damage
11 prevention issues, and convene discussion on responsible and safe installation; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Utility Contractors Association is composed of a diverse
13 membership of recognized licensed utility contractors, site developers, engineers, heavy
14 equipment dealers, equipment suppliers, law firms, insurance bonding agents, and anyone
15 with an interest in underground utility contracting in Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, it delivers this mission through the platforms of advocacy, education, and
17 information by working with thousands of elected officials, administrators, and professional
18 staff of all local governments and stakeholders in conjunction with state agencies and
19 legislative and executive leadership; and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia Utility Contractors Association is proactively involved in the
21 formulation of policy and legislation critical to the utility construction industry by addressing
22 safety issues, regulatory compliance, and underground utility infrastructure needs within this
23 state; and

24 WHEREAS, it continues to increase its influence among stakeholders, policymakers, and
25 elected officials statewide; and

26 WHEREAS, the Georgia Utility Contractors Association will host its annual Georgia Utility
27 Contractors Association Day on March 24, 2016, to raise awareness on the need for safety
28 in the industry, to convey that message to members of the Georgia General Assembly, and
29 to allow interaction with policymakers at the state level.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend the Georgia Utility Contractors Association for its efforts in promoting safe and
32 responsible installation of underground utilities in the State of Georgia and recognize March
33 24, 2016, as Georgia Utility Contractors Association Day at the state capitol.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia Utility
36 Contractors Association.