

## House Resolution 403

By: Representatives Howard of the 124<sup>th</sup>, Cooper of the 43<sup>rd</sup>, Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 165<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging owners and operators of convenience stores in Georgia to provide easy access to  
2 disabled customers desiring to refuel their vehicles; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, members of the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores are supportive of  
4 Americans with disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, members of the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores strive to provide  
6 exemplary service to all customers; and

7 WHEREAS, members of the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores serve as leaders in  
8 the convenience store industry; and

9 WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act provides that self-serve gas stations provide  
10 equal access to customers with disabilities; and

11 WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act provides if necessary self-serve gas stations  
12 or convenience stores provide refueling service when operating with more than one employee  
13 but is encouraged to offer services when only one employee is available; and

14 WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act provides that self-service gas stations or  
15 convenience stores let patrons know through appropriate signs that customers with  
16 disabilities can obtain refueling assistance; and

17 WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act provides that self-service gas stations or  
18 convenience stores provide refueling assistance without any charge beyond the self-service  
19 prices; and

20 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 23.6 percent of  
21 adults in Georgia have some type of disability; and

22 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 14.6 percent of  
23 Georgia's adults have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 this body commends members of the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores for the  
26 work they do in their communities and urges members of the Georgia Association of  
27 Convenience Stores and other gas station and convenience store owners to affix to each  
28 pump at self-service motor fuel establishments a decal. The decal shall clearly display the  
29 universal symbol of accessibility, the telephone number of the establishment and indicate the  
30 ability to call the store for assistance; attendants shall dispense motor fuel to customers in  
31 motor vehicles properly displaying a special disability permit when the individual to whom  
32 such permit was issued is the operator of such vehicle.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
35 members of the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores, the public, and the press.