

Senate Resolution 677

By: Senator Tippins of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 4, 2020, as Georgia Utility Contractors Association Legislative
2 Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Utility Contractors Association (GUCA) is a 49 year old nonprofit
4 trade association representing the underground utility construction industry with the mission
5 of promoting safety and responsible installation of new and rehabilitation of existing
6 underground utility infrastructure to consist of water, sewer, gas, electrical,
7 telecommunications, water, and wastewater treatment plants, dams, and landfills; and

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

12 WHEREAS, the GUCA is composed of a diverse membership of recognized licensed utility
13 contractors, site developers, engineers, heavy equipment dealers, equipment suppliers, law
14 firms, insurance bonding agents, and anyone with an interest in underground utility
15 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, along with state agencies and legislative and
19 executive leadership; and

20 WHEREAS, this remarkable organization is committed to the mission of promoting safe and
21 responsible installation and is proactively involved in the formulation of policy and
22 legislation critical to the utility construction industry by addressing safety issues, regulatory
23 compliance, and underground utility infrastructure needs within this state; and

24 WHEREAS, the GUCA continues to increase its influence among stakeholders,
25 policymakers, and elected officials state wide; and

26 WHEREAS, the GUCA will host its annual "Georgia Utility Contractors Association
27 Legislative Awareness Day" on February 4, 2020, in order to bring awareness to the need for
28 safety in the industry, resonate that message to members of the Georgia General Assembly,
29 and allow interaction with policymakers at the state level.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize February 4, 2020, as Georgia Utility Contractors Association Legislative
32 Awareness Day at the state capitol and commend the Georgia Utilities Contractors
33 Association for its efforts in promoting safe and responsible installation of underground
34 utilities in the State of Georgia.

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