

Senate Resolution 613

By: Senators James of the 35th, Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Rhett of the 33rd,
Orrock of the 36th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Building Authority and the State of Georgia ADA Coordinator's Office
2 to meet to develop a plan to make the Georgia State Capitol building more accessible for
3 individuals with disabilities; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) protects the interests of individuals
5 with disabilities and guarantees that individuals with disabilities are offered the same
6 opportunities as everyone else; and

7 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia ADA Coordinator's Office offers a statewide Facilities
8 Improvement Program which includes accessibility audits of state facilities to determine the
9 level of access and access deficiencies; and

10 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia ADA Coordinator's Office works with state agencies to
11 develop budget requests and undertake ADA-related construction projects, which may
12 concern accessible entrances, primary function areas, restroom alterations, site modifications,
13 automatic doors, curb cuts, ramps, pathway renovation, door modification, and other
14 accessibility elements and features; and

15 WHEREAS, the Georgia Building Authority is responsible for all services associated with
16 the management of buildings and various facilities located on Capitol Hill, including the
17 Georgia State Capitol building; and

18 WHEREAS, a conversation between these two entities is necessary to identify areas of the
19 Capitol building that could be improved to create greater access to individuals with
20 disabilities.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 urge the Georgia Building Authority and the State of Georgia ADA Coordinator's Office to
23 meet to develop a plan to make the Georgia State Capitol building more accessible for
24 individuals with disabilities.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
27 press.