

Senate Resolution 788

By: Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st, Parent of the 44th, Orrock of the 36th, Halpern of the 39th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the City of Social Circle; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the current federal administration plans to spend billions of dollars to construct
3 and operate what would become the largest detainment facilities in the United States to house
4 individuals the administration intends to deport; and
- 5 WHEREAS, one such facility will be placed in Social Circle, Georgia, despite clear and
6 consistent objections from the community and its local leaders; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the proposed facility would triple Social Circle's population and place
8 extraordinary strain upon the city's water and sewer infrastructure, law enforcement capacity,
9 and other essential public resources; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the facility would be located less than one mile from an elementary school,
11 raising citizen concerns regarding safety, traffic, and the well-being of children; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Social Circle officials have warned that the proposed project would represent
13 a "failure in security" and could fundamentally alter the safety of their community; and

14 WHEREAS, Social Circle has continued to make a principled and courageous stand in
15 opposition to what it views as an unwanted federal intrusion into its local affairs; and

16 WHEREAS, the majority party's current state party platform plainly states: "We believe that
17 our constitutional system of limited government, separation of powers, federalism, and the
18 rights of the people—must be preserved uncompromised for future generations"; and

19 WHEREAS, the City of Social Circle's defense of its sovereignty and resources presents a
20 shining example of these principles in action and stands as a modern Profile in Courage at
21 a time when so many cower when this White House is involved; and

22 WHEREAS, Social Circle is located in Walton County, which is named for George Walton,
23 a distinguished Georgian who signed the Declaration of Independence and fought in the
24 American Revolutionary War; and

25 WHEREAS, the American Revolutionary War was fought to secure this nation's
26 independence from a monarch who believed himself unconstrained by the sovereignty of free
27 people; and

28 WHEREAS, the enduring American principle that tyranny cannot, should not, and will not
29 supersede the sovereignty of free people remains as vital today as it was at the time George
30 Walton signed the Declaration of Independence; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the courage and resolve of the City of
32 Social Circle be recognized and commended.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 commend the City of Social Circle for capably and ably defending its citizens, resources, and
35 local sovereignty against federal overreach and for embodying the spirit of Walton County's
36 namesake, George Walton, who bravely fought for freedom in the American Revolutionary
37 War and helped establish the fundamental American idea that tyranny cannot, should not,
38 and will not trump the sovereignty of free people

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Mayor and
41 City Council of the City of Social Circle.