

Senate Resolution 810

By: Senators Kemp of the 38th, Jones II of the 22nd, Howard of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Mangham of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of transparency, community engagement, environmental
2 stewardship, and congressional oversight regarding the proposed development or expansion
3 of federal immigration detention facilities in the State of Georgia and expressing support for
4 federal efforts to ensure accountability in the siting of such facilities; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, communities across the State of Georgia have expressed concerns regarding the
6 potential development or expansion of large-scale federal immigration detention facilities,
7 including proposals affecting communities in Walton County and Hall County; and

8 WHEREAS, local leaders and residents have raised questions regarding infrastructure
9 capacity, water and energy usage, environmental impacts, economic consequences, and the
10 long-term effects such facilities may have on surrounding neighborhoods; and

11 WHEREAS, transparency, public input, and respect for local communities are essential
12 principles that should guide decisions impacting the health, safety, and well-being of Georgia
13 residents; and

14 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Senate recognizes the federal government's authority over
15 immigration policy while affirming that major projects affecting Georgia communities
16 should be pursued with openness, accountability, and meaningful consultation; and

17 WHEREAS, United States Senator Raphael Warnock has proposed federal legislative action
18 to prohibit the use of certain federal funds for the construction, acquisition, or expansion of
19 immigration detention facilities in Georgia, absent of explicit congressional authorization and
20 appropriate oversight measures; and

21 WHEREAS, such efforts emphasize the importance of environmental review, fiscal
22 responsibility, and community engagement, values shared by many Georgians regardless of
23 political affiliation; and

24 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Senate has a long-standing interest in protecting local
25 infrastructure, supporting responsible development, and ensuring that Georgia communities
26 are not subjected to large-scale projects without adequate transparency and safeguards.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 express support for federal efforts that promote transparency, environmental stewardship, and
29 meaningful community input regarding the siting or expansion of federal immigration
30 detention facilities within the State of Georgia.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia State Senate encourages the United States
32 Congress and relevant federal agencies to ensure that any proposed detention facility projects
33 include robust public disclosure, environmental review, and clear authorization by Congress
34 prior to the obligation or expenditure of federal funds.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body affirms the importance of collaboration among
36 federal, state, and local leaders to ensure that decisions impacting Georgia communities
37 reflect responsible governance and respect for the voices of residents.

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