

House Resolution 1177

By: Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Rice of the 139th, Mitchell of the 88th, Williams of the 168th, Buckner of the 137th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging pedestrians in Georgia to wear bright or reflective clothing at night to improve their
2 visibility to drivers resulting in a reduction of pedestrian deaths across this state; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, motor vehicle collisions involving pedestrians have risen significantly across
5 Georgia, and pedestrian safety continues to be a paramount concern for the Georgia
6 Department of Transportation and the citizens of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, streets and roadways are particularly dangerous at nighttime hours due to the
8 inherent reduced visibility; and

9 WHEREAS, pedestrian deaths continue to surge in Georgia, with more than 294 people
10 killed in 2024, and 84 percent of those fatalities occurring during nighttime hours; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has found that wearing
12 reflective material that is visible from both the front and back is the most effective way to
13 increase conspicuity and improve pedestrian safety; and

14 WHEREAS, pedestrians who wear bright and reflective gear are more noticeable to drivers
15 under reduced visibility conditions, increasing drivers' reaction time and helping to prevent
16 accidents.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body urge pedestrians in Georgia to wear bright and reflective clothing
19 at night to improve their visibility to drivers resulting in a reduction of pedestrian deaths
20 across this state.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation shall continue its "See
22 & Be Seen" campaign to enhance pedestrian safety across the state through improved
23 medians, crosswalks, pedestrian signals, and added lighting.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
26 Georgia Department of Transportation and the public.