

Senate Resolution 125

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Brass of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Goodman of the 8th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia (SILCGA) is a private
4 nonprofit corporation that is governed by people from across the state with all types of
5 disabilities; and

6 WHEREAS, SILCGA was created through amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,
7 which require states, including Georgia, to establish Statewide Independent Living Councils
8 to provide guidance for the development and expansion of independent living programs; and

9 WHEREAS, the role of SILCGA is to identify any societal barriers to independent living and
10 to collaborate with its Centers for Independent Living, Vocational Rehabilitation Services,
11 and other related entities to remove those barriers and increase supports and needed services;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, SILCGA is also charged with developing the State Plan for Independent Living
14 as required by federal law, and that plan is in place for 2025-2027; and

15 WHEREAS, SILCGA's Centers for Independent Living, staffed by individuals with
16 disabilities, provide resources to individuals in their communities; and

17 WHEREAS, SILCGA's activities include sponsoring public meetings and hearings for
18 educational and outreach efforts so as to promote and provide information to the public, state
19 agencies, and local organizations as well as to individuals; and

20 WHEREAS, SILCGA also conducts studies and research relevant to the needs of individuals
21 with disabilities; and

22 WHEREAS, SILCGA's mission includes elevating people with disabilities into leadership
23 roles when possible; increasing positive perceptions of people with disabilities; providing
24 information so individuals can be informed and proactive on issues; assuring use of personal
25 assistance services; promoting visitable housing; funding to retrofit housing to become more
26 accessible; advancing accessible public transit; ensuring equal opportunities to education;
27 improving access to quality healthcare and insurance; increasing access to technology; and
28 expanding availability of information sources, including alternative formats and interpreter
29 services.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend the Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia for its service
32 to Georgians living with disabilities and their families.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Statewide
35 Independent Living Council of Georgia.