

Senate Resolution 74

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st, Williams of the 19th, Brown of the 26th, Hooks of the 14th, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia General Assembly Fiscal Office Maintenance Staff; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Capitol is listed on the National Park Services National Register
4 of Historic Places and remains one of the most beautiful and well maintained buildings in the
5 state, thanks, in large part, to the tireless dedication of the extraordinary men of the Fiscal
6 Office Maintenance Staff; and

7 WHEREAS, their work is crucial to the daily functions of the Georgia State Senate and the
8 General Assembly as a whole with a myriad of duties including physical building maintenance,
9 electrical wiring, framing and building new offices, ornate woodworking, keying all General
10 Assembly space, painting all offices, producing all name badges and door signs, and
11 maintenance of the Senate and House voting and sound systems along with many other
12 important duties; and

13 WHEREAS, as the members of the General Assembly prepared to convene for the 2007
14 legislative session, the Fiscal Office Maintenance Staff worked day and night to prepare the
15 Capitol building, all offices, and both chambers in order for the legislators and staff to begin
16 their vital work on behalf of the people of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, between November 27, 2006, and January 15, 2007, this dedicated staff of six has
18 logged a commendable 1,016 hours above and beyond a normal work schedule, meaning that
19 in a six-week period, on average, each member of the Maintenance Staff has worked over 169
20 hours or 21 full work days of overtime in order to ensure the General Assembly is fully
21 prepared to do business; and

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23 WHEREAS, thanks to their incredible efforts, the Georgia State Senate has seen many
24 technological improvements, including the installation of state of the art video conferencing

1 equipment, Crestron display equipment, and hallway display monitors for committee schedules
2 giving the Senate more flexibility and resources to complete the work of the people; and

3 WHEREAS, guided by the exceptional leadership of a true renaissance man, Maintenance
4 Supervisor, Mr. Travis Hutchins, who has served the state since 1985, the following individuals
5 have diligently worked to make these extraordinary accomplishments possible: Jerry McCoy
6 (19 years of service), Steve Eakin (7 years of service), and Larry Mauldin (6 years of service),
7 along with David Northup and Patrick Brown who, while still wet behind the ears with 1 year
8 of service each, have proven to be valuable assets to this important team; and

9 WHEREAS, much of the difficult work this team is asked to do is done after normal work
10 hours and oftentimes requires the risk of life and limb, as Larry Mauldin can attest to after he
11 recently suffered severe electric burns which resulted in nine stitches; and

12 WHEREAS, all the members of the Georgia General Assembly owe these talented
13 professionals a tremendous debt of gratitude for their invaluable assistance in ensuring that the
14 State Capitol building as well as the General Assembly are as up to date and efficient as
15 possible.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body join
17 in commending the Georgia General Assembly Fiscal Office Maintenance Staff on the superb
18 work it has done throughout the years and in recent months to prepare for the 2007 legislative
19 session.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to
21 transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the above-named members of the Fiscal
22 Office Maintenance Staff.