

House Resolution 906

By: Representatives Waites of the 60th, Williams of the 87th, Jones of the 53rd, Anderson of the 92nd, and Kidd of the 145th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the State of Georgia to consider the devastation caused by pit bull attacks when
2 crafting legislation regulating dogs so as not to impose on local governments that choose to
3 regulate those dogs for the safety of the community; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, allowing local control over issues deemed relevant to political subdivisions of
5 this state is critical to individual liberty and a well-functioning democracy; and
- 6 WHEREAS, cities that adopt breed-specific regulatory schemes for the control of dogs do
7 so because of public safety concerns; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the dangerous attack style and the general tenacity once an attack has begun
9 make the pit bull an especially dangerous dog during a confrontation; and
- 10 WHEREAS, pit bulls statistically cause more damage and more fatalities than other dog
11 breeds not as a result of inherent aggression or temperament, but because of their unique
12 fighting capabilities and tendencies; and
- 13 WHEREAS, localities that regulate pit bulls do so because classification systems which label
14 dogs as dangerous after a first attack do not take into consideration the severity of a first
15 attack by a pit bull, which can cause severe injury, disfigurement, or death; and
- 16 WHEREAS, it is reasonable for local governments to consider and impose restrictions on
17 classes of dogs that statistically cause more harm to humans, especially children, when they
18 attack; and
- 19 WHEREAS, because pit bulls kill more people than all dog breeds combined, the state
20 should not interfere with the right of local governments to proactively protect their citizens.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 GEORGIA that the members of this body urge the State of Georgia to consider the
23 devastation caused by pit bull attacks when crafting legislation regulating dogs so as not to
24 impose on local governments that choose to regulate those dogs for the safety of the
25 community.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 public upon request.