

House Resolution 999

By: Representatives Kirby of the 114th, Smyre of the 135th, Jasperse of the 11th, Wiedower of the 119th, Dickey of the 140th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Department of Transportation to study truck safety and to consider
2 permitting such vehicles to use the far-left lane of travel; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, safety for pedestrians and motorists traveling in Georgia is of the utmost
4 importance to the General Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, current issues with the supply chain have highlighted the vital role the trucking
6 industry plays in the economy of the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, according to Code Section 40-6-52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 trucks must use lanes designated by the Georgia Department of Transportation, and, if no
9 lanes are designated and two or three lanes are available, trucks may not use the far-left lane
10 except to pass or turn left; and

11 WHEREAS, allowing trucks to use the far-left lane when on a long-haul route with no plans
12 to exit the highway would decrease travel time for moving cargo and improve safety by
13 limiting lane changes made by trucks; and

14 WHEREAS, study is needed by the department to determine whether a change in state law
15 relating to designated travel lanes and prohibitions on truck travel is warranted.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body urge the Georgia Department of Transportation to study truck
18 safety and to consider permitting such vehicles to use the far-left lane of travel.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
21 members of the Georgia Department of Transportation.