

Senate Resolution 791

By: Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Stone of the 23rd and Anderson of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the creation of a state veterans cemetery in Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the greater Augusta area is home to 66,000 United States military veterans, a
4 population that is increasing each year; and

5 WHEREAS, these veterans, their spouses, and eligible dependent children each face the
6 decision at life's end of where to lay their family member in eternal rest; and

7 WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration, through an annual grant program, makes funds
8 available for states to construct veterans cemeteries to provide an affordable option for
9 veterans to be buried among fellow veterans; and

10 WHEREAS, the current locations of state and national cemeteries require family members
11 in the greater Augusta area to spend a substantial amount of time traveling to and from these
12 locations to visit the grave sites of their loved ones; and

13 WHEREAS, local veterans have expressed their support for the State of Georgia to establish
14 a veterans cemetery in Augusta-Richmond County and have pledged whatever support is
15 necessary to host a state veterans cemetery.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
17 support the creation of a state veterans cemetery in Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
20 press.