

Senate Resolution 978

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 24 through February 28, 2014, as Senior Week at the state capitol and
2 commending the contributions of senior Georgians; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, senior citizens are our most rapidly expanding resource with retirees moving
4 to Georgia from every state in the nation, increasing the population of older Georgians by 45
5 percent since 2000 while the general population has increased only 18 percent; and

6 WHEREAS, senior Georgians contribute immeasurably to Georgia's vitality by capitalizing
7 on their strengths, talents, knowledge, and resources to provide volunteer leadership in our
8 communities; mentor the children of Georgia, enjoy Georgia's natural attractions and leisure
9 opportunities, and participate in Georgia's growing international marketplace; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly benefits by hearing from older Georgians and
11 their families about the concerns and needs of this growing segment of the population; and

12 WHEREAS, in order to influence state policy and to improve the future of all Georgians,
13 seniors need to understand and become meaningfully involved in this state's legislative
14 process; and

15 WHEREAS, since 1987, the Georgia Council on Aging has organized an annual gathering
16 of senior Georgians conducting special activities referred to as Senior Week at the Capitol
17 to raise public awareness about the needs and contributions of seniors.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 recognize February 24 through February 28, 2014, as Senior Week in Georgia, and all
20 members are encouraged to respond to issues of importance to senior Georgians.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Council on Aging.