

House Resolution 1003

By: Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Taylor of the 173rd, Houston of the 170th, and Dempsey of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia (SILCGA) is a private
4 nonprofit corporation that is governed by people from across the state with all types of
5 disabilities; and

6 WHEREAS, SILCGA was created through amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,
7 which requires states, including Georgia, to establish Statewide Independent Living Councils
8 to provide guidance for the development and expansion of independent living programs; and

9 WHEREAS, SILCGA is a systems advocacy and planning organization and its mission is to
10 identify any societal barriers to independent living and to collaborate with its Centers for
11 Independent Living, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, and other related entities to remove
12 those barriers and increase supports and needed services; and

13 WHEREAS, SILCGA is further charged with developing the State Plan for Independent
14 Living, and its current plan is focused on accessible housing, assistive technology, and
15 transportation; and

16 WHEREAS, SILCGA collaborates with the Centers for Independent Living which are
17 located in Athens, Augusta, Bainbridge, Columbus, Demorest, Macon, Rome, Savannah, and
18 Tucker and are staffed by individuals with disabilities, providing resources to individuals in
19 those communities; and

20 WHEREAS, SILCGA's activities include sponsoring public meetings and hearings for
21 educational and outreach efforts so as to promote and provide information to the public, state
22 agencies, and local organizations as well as to individuals; and

23 WHEREAS, SILCGA also conducts studies and research relevant to the needs of individuals
24 with disabilities; and

25 WHEREAS, SILCGA focuses on a number of issues in its mission, such as elevating people
26 with disabilities into more leadership roles; increasing positive perceptions of people with
27 disabilities; providing information so individuals can be informed and proactive on issues;
28 assuring use of personal assistance services; promoting "visible" housing; funding to retrofit
29 housing to become more accessible; advancing accessible public transit; ensuring equal
30 opportunities to education; improving access to quality health care and insurance; increasing
31 access to technology; and expanding availability of information sources, including alternative
32 formats and interpreter services.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body recognize and commend the Statewide Independent Living Council
35 of Georgia for its service to Georgians living with disabilities and their families.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia.