

House Resolution 77

By: Representatives Prince of the 127th, Nelson of the 125th, Newton of the 123rd, Lott of the 122nd, and Fleming of the 121st

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body support the creation of a state veterans cemetery in
18 Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia.

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 the
21 public and the press.