

Senate Resolution 299

By: Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the workers at the Woodbine Thiokol Chemical Plant and dedicating an
2 interchange in their memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, 600 Woodbine Thiokol Chemical Plant workers fulfilled America's sacred
4 obligation of supplying the United States military with vital munitions; and

5 WHEREAS, these dedicated patriots served as civilian contractors by manufacturing
6 munitions and deterrent gases for use by the United States Army during the Vietnam War;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the munitions produced by these workers were utilized in three military arsenals
9 and saved the lives of countless American soldiers; and

10 WHEREAS, the Thiokol Plant workers supported the liberation of the people of South
11 Vietnam and sought to promote democracy through their efforts; and

12 WHEREAS, the workers at Thiokol Plant were an important part of American history by
13 standing as exemplars of the modern workplace as one of the first in American industry that
14 was racially integrated and consisted of both men and women; and

15 WHEREAS, the lives of 30 plant workers were tragically cut short in 1971 and 1973, but the
16 tragic loss of these Georgians changed the quality of life for millions of Americans, resulting
17 in improvements in transportation, emergency medical services, mass tort litigation, and
18 plant safety; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the ultimate sacrifice made by these 30
20 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in their memory.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the Interstate 95 interchange at Exit 7 in Camden County
23 is dedicated as the Thiokol Memorial Interchange.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Thiokol Memorial
26 Interchange.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Department
29 of Transportation.