

House Resolution 9

By: Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Hugley of the 141st, Beverly of the 143rd, Bennett of the 94th, and Park of the 107th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Department of Transportation to study safety and accidents relating to
2 vehicle merging and to consider installing yield signs upon certain merging roadways; and
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, safety for motorists traveling in Georgia is of the utmost importance to the
5 General Assembly; and

6 WHEREAS, according to Code Section 40-6-70 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
7 vehicles merging onto another roadway must yield the right of way to vehicles traveling upon
8 that road; and

9 WHEREAS, proper operation of a vehicle dictates that when the roadway you are traveling
10 on is merging into other traffic without stopping, the merging driver should adjust his or her
11 speed and vehicle position to allow merging into the new lane safely; and

12 WHEREAS, placement of yield signs upon certain roads in this state that merge onto
13 highways with a speed limit of 45 miles per hour or more would provide clarity to confused
14 drivers on their responsibilities and could greatly reduce accidents; and

15 WHEREAS, study is needed by the department to determine whether adding yield signs to
16 certain roads that merge onto highways with a speed limit of 45 miles per hour or more is
17 warranted.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body urge the Georgia Department of Transportation to study safety and
20 accidents relating to vehicle merging and to consider installing yield signs upon certain
21 merging roadways.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
24 Georgia Department of Transportation.