

Senate Resolution 74

By: Senators Hickman of the 4th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Goodman of the 8th and Watson of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the interfaith organizations and volunteers involved in disaster
2 cleanup efforts; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has faced numerous natural disasters that have caused
4 significant damage and hardship to its residents; and

5 WHEREAS, in times of crisis, communities come together to support one another,
6 demonstrating the strength and resilience of the human spirit; and

7 WHEREAS, interfaith and religious organizations and volunteers have played a crucial role
8 in disaster cleanup efforts, providing essential services, resources, and support to those
9 affected; and

10 WHEREAS, these interfaith efforts have fostered unity, understanding, and cooperation
11 among diverse religious communities, showcasing the power of collaboration and
12 compassion; and

13 WHEREAS, the dedication and hard work of these volunteers has significantly contributed
14 to the recovery and rebuilding of affected areas, helping to restore hope and normalcy to the
15 lives of many Georgians; and

16 WHEREAS, according to reports from local faith-based organizations, tens of thousands of
17 volunteers participated in disaster relief efforts in Georgia following Hurricane Helene,
18 contributing more than one million total volunteer hours, with teams working in some of the
19 most impacted areas to clear debris, repair homes, and provide direct assistance to many
20 thousands of affected residents; and

21 WHEREAS, many churches and faith organizations came to their fellow citizens' needs for
22 disaster relief; and

23 WHEREAS, volunteer labor from church members and faith-based organizations, who
24 traveled from as far away as South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Florida to help
25 Georgia homeowners in need, included efforts such as tending to damaged homes, removing
26 fallen trees, and cleaning up storm debris.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize and commend the invaluable contributions of the interfaith organizations and
29 volunteers in disaster cleanup efforts as well as encourage continued support and
30 collaboration among all communities to strengthen our collective ability to respond to and
31 recover from future disasters.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the leaders of the
34 interfaith organizations involved in disaster cleanup efforts.