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Senate Resolution 914

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd and Seay of the 34th

A RESOLUTION

Declaring the week of March 8 through 14, 2010, as Georgia Census Week, and urging the residents of Georgia to participate completely in the United States 2010 Census to provide an accurate count of the population of Georgia in the 2010 decennial census; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Article I, Section II of the United States Constitution mandates that a census of the United States population be conducted every ten years, with the next census scheduled to be conducted on April 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the data from the census is used to distribute Congressional seats to states, determine

redistricting of legislative and other government bodies, make decisions about what community services to provide, and distribute approximately \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state, and tribal governments each year; and

WHEREAS, an accurate count of the population is critical to the fair and equitable distribution of these seats, services, and funds; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Georgia should participate in order to have an accurate count as of April 1, 2010, of the population in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, there were many urban and rural hard-to-count areas in Georgia during the 2000 census, which hindered an accurate count; and

WHEREAS, a Georgia Complete Count Committee has been established to build awareness of the importance and confidentiality of the Census, actively inspire Georgia residents to participate in the Census, and work with other groups to share ideas and best practices to encourage active participation in the Census; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Complete Count Committee has established March 11, 2010, as the official kick-off day to promote the Census in Georgia, and to invite all local Complete Count Committees to participate in the kick-off event which will encourage all residents to mail back their completed Census form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body urge Georgia residents to participate in the 2010 Census, memorialize local Complete Count Committees to register on the website and work with the Georgia Complete Count Committee, and recognize the week of March 8 through 14, 2010, as Georgia's Official Census Week in order to build awareness and support throughout Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Complete Count Committee.

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