

## Senate Resolution 180

By: Senators Fort of the 39th and Parent of the 42nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recommending the Georgia Building Authority preserve the historic integrity and sound  
2 environmental stewardship of the Pratt-Pullman Yard; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, this unique and historic property, presently owned by the State of Georgia, is  
4 located in the Kirkwood neighborhood of Atlanta. The State of Georgia, through the Georgia  
5 Building Authority, has recently placed the property for sale by way of a published Invitation  
6 to Bid (ITB); and

7 WHEREAS, the Pratt Engineering/Pullman Company property is a historic industrial  
8 complex located in the equally historic Kirkwood neighborhood of Atlanta. Construction of  
9 the first buildings began in 1904, followed by a second building campaign when the Pullman  
10 Railcar Company bought the property in 1926. The site is currently owned by the State of  
11 Georgia and has been abandoned since 1996; and

12 WHEREAS, the property is a vital piece of the Kirkwood neighborhood's historic and  
13 environmental fabric, so much so that the preservation of the Pratt-Pullman Yard is included  
14 in its comprehensive development plan, which calls to preserve and adaptively re-use the  
15 site's historic buildings and maintain a conservation easement and stream buffer for the  
16 headwaters of Hardee Creek; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council recently passed, by unanimous vote, a resolution  
19 requesting that the executive director of the Atlanta Urban Design Commission designate the  
20 site, located on Rogers Street, N.E., as an officially recognized and categorized Historic  
21 Building and Site; and

22 WHEREAS, a 2008 effort to sell the property recognized the importance of setting deed  
23 restrictions to protect key historic buildings and maintain a 75 foot offset to protect Hardee  
24 Creek; and

25 WHEREAS, the terms of the most recent ITB do not contemplate any measures to preserve  
26 the historic buildings on this property. Instead, the terms contemplate the unrestricted sale  
27 of the property which would allow a purchaser to demolish the historic buildings on the site;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources has both the power and the duty to adopt  
30 and execute plans, methods, and policies for permanently preserving structures of historic  
31 significance, such as those found at the Pratt-Pullman Yard.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 recommend the Georgia Building Authority revise the ITB for the historic Pratt-Pullman  
34 Yard to include deed restrictions in an effort to protect the historic and environmental  
35 resources of this presently publicly owned property.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the director and  
38 board of the Georgia Building Authority and the commissioner and board of the Department  
39 of Natural Resources.