

House Resolution 1107

By: Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Stephens of the 164th, Jones of the 167th, Hogan of the 179th, Setzler of the 35th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of Economic Development's Center for Aerospace Innovations and
2 its Aerospace, Defense and Advance Manufacturing (ADAM) team along with the
3 Department of Transportation and other relevant state agencies to collectively work to
4 construct, enhance, focus, and recruit the emerging commercial space industry in Georgia;
5 and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, it is highly desirable to foster and promote the economic development of the
7 commercial space industry in the State of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, there is a need to enhance the state's economic development strategies to recruit
9 the commercial space industry and collectively work toward constructing and advancing a
10 state commercial space policy; and

11 WHEREAS, the commercial space industry has a global economic impact of \$330 billion;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the state already has a large aviation presence that produces \$50 billion in
14 economic activity annually, but only a small amount of this money is spent on the
15 commercial space industry, and this \$50 billion could be enhanced by aggressively recruiting
16 the emerging commercial space industry; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia ranked third in aerospace manufacturing attractiveness based on Price
18 Waterhouse Cooper 's 2016 Aerospace Manufacturing Attractiveness Rankings; with major
19 manufacturers like Lockheed Martin and Gulfstream Aerospace, aerospace products were
20 the number one international export of the state at \$8.44 billion in 2014 ranking Georgia
21 fourth among the states; and

22 WHEREAS, it is necessary to study economic development activities to expand and diversify
23 domestic and international opportunities that support talent development and enhancement

24 of infrastructure and that support government and organizations in improving the state's
25 competitive business climate in the commercial space industry; and

26 WHEREAS, in order to compete in the space industry, Georgia must strive to create a
27 premier commercial space industry that is strategically positioned to provide economic
28 diversity with a competitive advantage for the space sector; and

29 WHEREAS, by partnering with agencies such as the Department of Economic
30 Development's Center for Aerospace Innovations, the State of Georgia can benefit from the
31 center's technical expertise, collaborative research, and business partnerships to help
32 Georgia's commercial space industry connect, compete, and grow by advancing recognition
33 of Georgia's strength in the global aerospace industry and its contributions to the
34 entrepreneurial and educational ecosystems required for the industry's continued growth; and

35 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and other state agencies should work
36 collaboratively in an effort to further these goals.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body urge the Department of Economic Development's Center for
39 Aerospace Innovations and its Aerospace, Defense and Advance Manufacturing (ADAM)
40 team along with the Department of Transportation and other relevant state agencies to
41 collectively work to construct, enhance, focus, and recruit the emerging commercial space
42 industry in Georgia.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
45 Department of Economic Development's Center for Aerospace Innovations and its
46 Aerospace, Defense and Advance Manufacturing (ADAM) team and the Department of
47 Transportation.