

House Resolution 959

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Stephens of the 164th, Rogers of the 10th, Burns of the 159th, and Smith of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia House of Representatives and the Georgia Economic Developers
2 Association on their efforts to improve the economic development climate of the State of
3 Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Georgia's rare combination of economic assets, including its robust
5 infrastructure, strong workforce productivity, pro-business climate, renowned universities
6 and technical colleges/QuickStart, competitive cost structure, and a well-known brand,
7 creates an environment in which businesses continue to thrive and succeed; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia has been ranked by several sources, including site selection for the last
9 seven years, area development for the last six years as the No. 1 State in the nation in which
10 to do business; and

11 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) has been named
12 the No. 1 "Best in Class" state-level economic development agency in the country, according
13 to a survey of U.S. corporate executives and location advisors and continues to excel at a
14 high level of efficiency; and

15 WHEREAS, economic growth in Georgia encompasses numerous fields, from Fortune 500
16 headquarters to agricultural development, from tourism and film production to
17 entrepreneurial growth, and from international businesses to local expansions; and

18 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Economic Development and members of GEDA
19 announced over \$6.79 billion investment and created 23,952 jobs through the location of 371
20 projects in calendar year 2019, and are committed to growing its economy by facilitating
21 innovation and encouraging the expansion and retention of existing business and by
22 attracting new businesses that will provide quality jobs for our citizens; and

23 WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives and the Georgia Economic Developers
24 Association work to maintain a strong business climate, to grow jobs, and to attract and
25 encourage investment in and for Georgia.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend the Georgia House of Representatives and the Georgia
28 Economic Developers Association and its members for the significant role they play in
29 Georgia's economic growth and success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 Georgia Economic Developers Association.