

House Resolution 261

By: Representative Hembree of the 98th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging support by state and local government agencies of the efforts of Georgia Correctional
2 Industries in providing Georgia's prison inmates with job training, work experience, and
3 skills that increase their chances of success after prison release while providing government
4 agencies with quality products and services at competitive prices; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the Georgia Correctional Industries Administration was created by the Georgia
6 General Assembly as a public corporation of this state in 1960; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia Correctional Industries is a self-sustaining business enterprise that
8 receives no state appropriations for its operations or growth; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia Correctional Industries manufactures, provides, and sells goods and
10 services that include office furniture, shoes, garments, janitorial chemicals, license plates,
11 signs, upholstered products, embroidery, mattresses and pillows, print services, metal
12 institutional products, and eyewear; and

13 WHEREAS, the manufacture of these products supports the rehabilitative mission of the
14 Department of Corrections, makes prisons safer for inmates and staff by reducing idle inmate
15 time, and prepares inmates for prison release by providing opportunities for job training and
16 skill development in a productive environment; and

17 WHEREAS, the ability to expand work and training opportunities for inmates and to produce
18 goods and services on an economy of scale resulting in additional cost savings to government
19 entities purchasing such goods and services is dependent upon increased sales volume; and

20 WHEREAS, taxpayers, inmates, and agencies of state and local government can all benefit
21 from expanded Georgia Correctional Industries operations made possible by increased
22 support through the purchase of products and services provided by Georgia Correctional
23 Industries.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body recognize the efforts and contributions made by Georgia
3 Correctional Industries in providing inmate job training, quality goods and services to
4 governmental agencies, cost savings to the taxpayer, and programmatic support to the
5 Department of Corrections.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge agencies of state and
7 local governments to affirm a purchasing policy that, where practical and where mandatory
8 as defined in state law, services provided and products manufactured and sold by Georgia
9 Correctional Industries be purchased.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to agencies of state government,
12 the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, and the Georgia Municipal Association.