

## House Resolution 466

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging a moratorium on major airline industry mergers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, economic development and prosperity are dependent upon a competitive airline  
3 industry providing reasonable rates, accessibility, and efficient service for the transportation  
4 of goods and services; and
- 5 WHEREAS, competition in the airline industry will be drastically reduced if pending  
6 mergers are allowed to proceed because these merger proposals will lead to further  
7 consolidation in the airline industry; and
- 8 WHEREAS, airline industry consolidation will decrease service and access in certain  
9 markets and localities and will hinder or prevent the entrance of new low-cost airline carriers  
10 into the market; and
- 11 WHEREAS, airline industry competition is essential to keep prices reasonable and service  
12 satisfactory for consumers and business travelers and the lack of competition will cause  
13 longer delays in air travel and decreased customer service; and
- 14 WHEREAS, these circumstances will have a negative impact on airline service and the  
15 overall economy in the State of Georgia.
- 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
17 this body expresses concern over the prospect of decreased competition in the airline industry  
18 and the adverse economic impact on Georgia, the region, and nation as a whole and urges  
19 Congress to impose a moratorium on major airline industry mergers in order to fully and  
20 carefully consider all consequences.
- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia

- 1 delegation to the United States Congress and to the President of the United States, the
- 2 Attorney General, and the Secretary of Transportation.