

House Resolution 1375

By: Representatives Marin of the 66th, Chambers of the 53rd, Mobley of the 58th, Ashe of the 42nd, Post 2, Gardner of the 42nd, Post 3, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to pass
2 comprehensive immigration reform in order to protect our homeland, secure continued
3 economic development, and protect the rights of all immigrants; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush declared that the United States immigration system
5 is broken and must be reformed in his January 7, 2004, immigration policy proposal address
6 to the nation; and
- 7 WHEREAS, America, having always been a nation of immigrants, is a stronger and better
8 nation because of the hard work, faith, and entrepreneurial spirit of these immigrants; and
- 9 WHEREAS, immigrants make up approximately 14 percent of the nation's civilian work
10 force; and
- 11 WHEREAS, there are 35,000 foreign-born men and women loyally serving on active duty
12 in the United States military; and
- 13 WHEREAS, many Georgia immigrants are of Hispanic descent; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Georgia has seen a tremendous growth of the Hispanic population of over 300
15 percent since 1990; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Georgia has observed the fourth largest increase in Hispanic buying power in
17 the United States, estimated at \$11.3 billion; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Georgia has 13,521 Hispanic owned businesses; and
- 19 WHEREAS, many Georgia industries rely heavily upon immigrant labor; and

1 WHEREAS, an illegal labor market and uncontrolled borders undermine our national
2 security; and

3 WHEREAS, a nation that values and depends upon immigration should have rational and
4 humane immigration laws that serve the American economy, reflect the American dream,
5 and address the eight to ten million undocumented immigrant currently in the United States;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, states across the country face mounting difficulties in dealing with the failed
8 immigration policy; and

9 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush has asked the United States Congress to pass
10 comprehensive immigration reform that addresses these homeland security and labor issues
11 without disrupting the massive economic contribution that immigrants make to the United
12 States each year; and

13 WHEREAS, this body should adopt a principle of expectation for comprehensive
14 immigration reform from the federal government.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body urge the United States Congress and the President of the United
17 States to pass existing bipartisan legislation before the end of the current Congressional
18 session to begin addressing these critical immigration issues, such as the DREAM/Student
19 Adjustment Act and the AGJobs Act, where such legislation falls in line with the vision of
20 immigration reform as laid out by President George W. Bush.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge the United States
22 Congress and the President of the United States to act soon on comprehensive immigration
23 reform.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
26 congressional delegation and the President of the United States.