

## House Resolution 948

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia's Superior Court Clerks and the Georgia Superior Court Clerks'  
2 Cooperative Authority and inviting their selected delegates to appear before the House of  
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Georgia's Superior Court Clerks perform numerous critical functions related to  
5 the administration of justice, in addition to serving as the record keepers of trust in each of  
6 this state's 159 counties; and

7 WHEREAS, with great foresight, Georgia's Superior Court Clerks encouraged the General  
8 Assembly in 1993 to create the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority  
9 (GSCCCA), with the legislated mandate of implementing and administrating a state-wide  
10 central index for Uniform Commercial Code filings; and

11 WHEREAS, the GSCCCA has not only fulfilled its original purpose, but has accepted  
12 additional projects at the request of other agencies and the General Assembly; and

13 WHEREAS, these projects include administering a state-wide index for real estate and  
14 personal property records, maintaining the central data base of notaries public, and  
15 administering a state-wide data base on civil case filings; and

16 WHEREAS, the GSCCCA is also the centralized collection and distribution agent for all  
17 specially designated court fees, costs, criminal penalties, and bond surcharges, providing  
18 oversight and accountability for these collections; and

19 WHEREAS, the system was successfully implemented and the GSCCCA integrated and  
20 standardized information from each of Georgia's 159 counties on a central website,  
21 accessible via public terminals located in each county clerk's office, as well as through the  
22 Internet; and

1 WHEREAS, the public accesses this invaluable available data via the Internet more than a  
2 million times a day; and

3 WHEREAS, the automated information system created by the GSCCCA is also providing  
4 extra revenue for county governments, freeing up local tax dollars for other services; and

5 WHEREAS, the creation of the GSCCCA was a result of the cooperative efforts of the State  
6 Bar of Georgia, the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Association, the Council of Superior  
7 Court Clerks, the Georgia Bankers Association, and the Community Bankers Association of  
8 Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, a board of ten members governs the GSCCCA, and its activities undergo  
10 constant legislative oversight, and the board's meetings are open to the public; and

11 WHEREAS, the GSCCCA has been continually praised for its wise use of available  
12 resources, and it has been proven to be a resounding success by offering a service that is  
13 unique.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
15 the members of this body commend Georgia's Clerks of Superior Court and the Georgia  
16 Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority for moving our state to the forefront of court  
17 technology leadership and using this technology to make life easier for those who need  
18 access to real estate records, financing statements, and other legal documents.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the selected delegates of Georgia's Superior Court  
20 Clerks are invited to appear before the House of Representatives for the purpose of being  
21 recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution at a date and  
22 time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House.