

House Resolution 1311

By: Representative Maddox of the 172<sup>nd</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the contributions of American Indians and the work of the Council on American  
2 Indian Concerns; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, long before Europeans ever reached what is now the State of Georgia,  
4 thousands of American Indians prospered on this land's fertile soil and productive waterways  
5 in complex communities; and

6 WHEREAS, American Indians are a diverse group with multifaceted systems of government  
7 and rich languages, beliefs, and traditions; and

8 WHEREAS, American Indian tribes such as the Cherokee, Muskogee Creek, Seminole, and  
9 Yuchi have lived in Georgia throughout the centuries and have vastly enriched our culture  
10 and contributed to our society; and

11 WHEREAS, more than 57,000 Georgians are American Indians or American Indian  
12 descendants; and

13 WHEREAS, our land's first inhabitants have maintained their traditional values throughout  
14 American history, and local, state, and federal governments strive to help American Indians  
15 flourish as a vital political, social, and moral presence; and

16 WHEREAS, our state and nation must work in partnership with tribal leaders and  
17 organizations in order to nurture hope for a greater future for American Indians.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body acknowledge the many contributions American Indians continue  
20 to make to our state and appreciate the work of the Council on American Indian Concerns  
21 on behalf of our first Georgians.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Council on American
- 3 Indian Concerns.