

House Resolution 1797

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Jordan of the 77th, Heckstall of the 62nd, Buckner of the 76th, Sinkfield of the 60th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the State Board of Technical and Adult Education and the Department of Technical
2 and Adult Education to establish a technical college in Riverdale, Georgia; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Clayton County has a high dropout rate, a high unemployment rate of 6.4
5 percent, a high density population, and a high rate of single mother households; and

6 WHEREAS, the high impact of the loss of jobs due to the bankruptcy of Delta Airlines and
7 the closing of the Hapeville Ford Plant will have a devastating impact on Clayton County;
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9 WHEREAS, improved access to technical education for the citizens of Riverdale, Clayton
10 County, and bordering communities would help to provide broader career opportunities for
11 its citizens to help alleviate some of these negative aspects; and

12 WHEREAS, in the state system of technical education established by the State Board of
13 Technical and Adult Education, Riverdale is currently served by Griffin Technical College;
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15 WHEREAS, impediments such as lack of public transportation in the area make it difficult
16 for many citizens of Riverdale to attend Griffin Technical College; and

17 WHEREAS, it would be highly beneficial to the citizens of Riverdale, Clayton County, and
18 bordering communities to have a technical college within close proximity to serve their
19 needs; and

20 WHEREAS, such programs as the Georgia Fatherhood Program, the Tech Prep Program, and
21 the Business Incubator Program would provide unique opportunities for citizens of the area

1 and would not overlap or compete with programs offered at neighboring technical colleges;
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3 WHEREAS, continued economic growth and skilled labor will help attract industry to
4 Clayton County and to Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the establishment of partnerships between local, state, and federal governments
6 and with private companies and other entities would be extremely beneficial in obtaining
7 funding and support for such a technical college.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the State Board of Technical and Adult Education and the Department of Technical and
10 Adult Education are urged to establish a technical college in Riverdale, Georgia, to provide
11 improved access to technical education for the citizens of Riverdale through such programs
12 as the Georgia Fatherhood Program, the Tech Prep Program, and the Business Incubator
13 Program.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is strongly urged that partnerships between local,
15 state, and federal governments and with private companies and other entities be established
16 to encourage funding for such a technical college.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Commissioner Mike
19 Vollmer.