

## Senate Resolution 1356

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st, Thomas of the 2nd and Mullis of the 53rd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on December 13, 2006, the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce will be  
4 celebrating its bicentennial anniversary at its 200th Annual Meeting; and

5 WHEREAS, this venerable Savannah organization is the first chamber of commerce created  
6 in Georgia and the seventh oldest chamber in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, for 200 memorable years, the chamber has tirelessly worked to facilitate  
8 commerce and to improve the quality of life of all the citizens of Savannah; and

9 WHEREAS, the chamber was formed in 1806 to address the dangers of transporting goods  
10 across the Atlantic because of hostilities between Great Britain and France during the  
11 Napoleonic Wars; and

12 WHEREAS, today, the chamber devotes its efforts to providing quality customer service and  
13 programs to meet the needs of its members, improve the economic environment of its  
14 community, and build a legacy of leadership for generations to come; and

15 WHEREAS, over the years, the chamber has been instrumental in many successes for the  
16 city, including the extension of the Savannah Harbor in 1912, bringing what is now called  
17 Hunter Army Airfield to Savannah, numerous beautification projects and campaigns, and the  
18 creation of the United Way, Savannah Technical College, the Savannah Area Convention and  
19 Visitors Bureau, the Savannah Better Business Bureau, and Leadership Savannah, the second  
20 oldest leadership program in the country; and

21 WHEREAS, for two centuries, the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce has faithfully  
22 served the citizens of its community, and it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to

1 pay tribute to its many invaluable accomplishments on the occasion of this milestone  
2 anniversary.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
4 join in commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce  
5 and in thanking this outstanding organization for its 200 years of exemplary service to the  
6 beautiful city of Savannah.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Savannah Area Chamber of  
9 Commerce.