

## Senate Resolution 250

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th, Harp of the 29th and Thomas of the 54th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Council on American Indian Concerns; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Before Europeans arrived in what is now the State of Georgia, thousands of  
4 American Indians prospered on its fertile soil and productive waterways in complex  
5 communities; and

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

8 WHEREAS, many American Indian tribes, including the Cherokee, Muskogee Creek,  
9 Seminole, and Yuchi tribes, have lived in our state and made significant contributions to the  
10 betterment of our society; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Georgia's Indians have maintained their traditional values and merit the support  
14 of local, state, and federal governments as an important political, social, and moral presence;  
15 and

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

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
19 recognize the many contributions American Indians have made and continue to make to our  
20 state and commend the work of the Council on American Indian Concerns on behalf of our  
21 First Georgians.

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