

House Resolution 1211

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Amerson of the 9th, Hembree of the 67th, Coleman of the 97th, and Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 23 through March 1, 2008, as Entrepreneurship Week at the capitol;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to growth and prosperity; and

4 WHEREAS, most of the new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade
5 have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

6 WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Commerce, more than 2,300
7 people become independent entrepreneurs daily, joining more than 20 million self-employed,
8 that make up more than 75 percent of the nation's approximately 26 million business firms
9 nationwide; and

10 WHEREAS, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills identified entrepreneurial literacy skills
11 as one of the 21st century content areas critical to success in communities and workplaces;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, more than 70 percent of young Americans envision starting a business or doing
14 something entrepreneurial as adults; and

15 WHEREAS, the "Entrepreneurship Friendly" Communities' initiative, developed by the
16 Georgia Department of Economic Development's Small Business and Innovation Division,
17 assists Georgia's counties in cultivating business environments that develop and encourage
18 entrepreneurs and small business; and

19 WHEREAS, encouraging youth to be excited about entrepreneurship and working to expand
20 the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of Georgia's youth and adults to be successful
21 entrepreneurs are crucial elements of long-term growth of local communities, the state, and
22 the nation; and

1 WHEREAS, the Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education Division of the Georgia
2 Department of Education has developed new entrepreneurship curriculum and instructional
3 resources in order to prepare Georgia's students to successfully compete in a global economy;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia's Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO's) offer an array
6 of programs, activities, and competitive events focused on entrepreneurship; and

7 WHEREAS, Entrepreneurship Week provides an opportunity to focus on the innovative
8 ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring together the core academic, technical,
9 and problem solving skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future
10 workplaces.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 this body recognizes February 23 through March 1, 2008 as Entrepreneurship Week at the
13 capitol.