

## House Resolution 1620

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce on  
2 being the first chamber in Georgia to receive a 5-Star Accreditation from the United States  
3 Chamber of Commerce; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the United States Chamber of Commerce awarded the Greater Columbus  
5 Georgia Chamber of Commerce with 5-Star Accreditation, and of the 6,936 chambers in the  
6 United States, only 310 are accredited; and

7 WHEREAS, these elite chambers represent the top 5 percent of all chambers in the United  
8 States, and only 13 have been accredited for 35 continuous years like the Greater Columbus  
9 Georgia Chamber of Commerce; and

10 WHEREAS, only 9 percent of the chambers in the United States have received a 5-Star  
11 rating, and Columbus is the first chamber in Georgia to receive such rating; and

12 WHEREAS, accreditation is one of the highest honors bestowed on local chambers fighting  
13 for pro-growth and jobs policies at the federal, state, and local levels; and

14 WHEREAS, to achieve accreditation, a chamber must meet minimum standards in their  
15 operations and programs, including governance, government affairs, and technology; and

16 WHEREAS, the final rating of accreditation depends on the chamber's ability to successfully  
17 meet additional criteria, including accountability, financial transparency, employee  
18 involvement, political advocacy, and community involvement; and

19 WHEREAS, accreditation means that the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce  
20 is recognized by the United States Chamber of Commerce as one offering quality programs,  
21 practicing sound organization procedures, and reliably contributing to positive change in the  
22 community.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body join together to recognize the exemplary work done by the Greater  
3 Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce and congratulate it on receiving a 5-Star rating  
4 from the Accreditation Program sponsored by the United States Chamber of Commerce.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Greater Columbus  
7 Georgia Chamber of Commerce.