

House Resolution 1710

By: Representative Kaiser of the 59<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Colgate Mattress Atlanta Corporation; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Sol Wolkin, a United States Army Air Force veteran, with the help and  
3 support of his late partner and wife, Anne, started Colgate Mattress Atlanta Corporation more  
4 than half a century ago, opening the factory on March 5, 1955, with a \$1,500 loan from his  
5 brother-in-law; and

6 WHEREAS, his first factory was in a small 4,000 square foot building on Ponce de Leon  
7 Avenue near the old Ponce de Leon stadium, home of the Atlanta Crackers; and

8 WHEREAS, in January, 1969, Mr. Wolkin expanded the business into an adjacent 20,000  
9 square foot building, and in 1987, the business expanded again into the last remaining  
10 attached building on Ponce de Leon Place; and

11 WHEREAS, in need of additional space and with no more buildings available at the present  
12 location, in 1993, Colgate moved into its present 60,000 square foot building located in  
13 historic Cabbagetown; and

14 WHEREAS, initially, Colgate was managed by Wolkin family members, with the exception  
15 of one employee, and today, 38 Georgians are part of the Colgate business, most having been  
16 with the firm for more than a decade, some for more than 30 years, and one employee,  
17 Andrew Bolston, who was with Colgate for over 40 years; and

18 WHEREAS, Colgate is presently run by second and third generation Wolkin family  
19 members; Alan Wolkin, the eldest son of Anne and Sol, is the president of Colgate, Richard  
20 Wolkin is the vice president, and Dennis Wolkin, son of Alan Wolkin, is the  
21 secretary/treasurer; and

1 WHEREAS, Colgate is known for producing the highest quality crib mattresses in the  
2 country, and the company has received many industry awards and is proud to be among the  
3 first members of the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association; and

4 WHEREAS, unlike many United States manufacturing companies that have moved their  
5 production out of the country, for 53 years, Colgate has been manufacturing crib mattresses  
6 in Atlanta and is proud to be located in the heart of the south; and

7 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
8 family business be appropriately recognized.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
10 the members of this body join together to recognize the contributions of Colgate Mattress  
11 Atlanta Corporation to its community and this state.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Sol Wolkin.