

Recognizing the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) on its 50th Anniversary; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, AARP is a voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that has a 50 year history of leading positive social change by harnessing the individual and collective power of its members to improve the lives of residents of the United States and Georgia as they age; and

WHEREAS, AARP has, since its establishment in 1958 by retired educator Ethel Percy Andrus, taken as its motto, "To serve, not to be served"; and

WHEREAS, AARP's "army of useful citizens" in Georgia includes more than 1,200 volunteers who offer courses in money management, assistance in tax preparation, safe driving courses, advocacy services, job training, intergenerational education, community rebuilding, home visitation, and nonpartisan voter education; and

WHEREAS, AARP has amplified its members' voices on issues of state-wide importance such as high quality and affordable health care, lifetime financial security, and consumer protection; and

WHEREAS, AARP has helped to foster proactive policies that enable Georgia residents to achieve the quality of life and peace of mind they deserve; and

WHEREAS, AARP exemplifies the belief that diversity in age, economic status, attitudes, ability, and lifestyles is a source of strength for this state and nation; and

WHEREAS, AARP works to develop strong communities that are characterized by affordable and appropriate housing, ease of mobility, and features and services that support the lives and lifestyles of people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, having successfully built alliances state-wide among businesses, communities, and Georgia residents of all generations, AARP continues to work towards an economic environment that supports and promotes the potential of mature workers; and

WHEREAS, AARP recognizes that ensuring the safety, involvement, health, and well-being of residents 50 years of age and older is not a destination but a continuing journey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body join together to congratulate AARP for 50 years of service to this state and nation and for championing the future of every generation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to AARP.

Senate Resolution 1243

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th, Hamrick of the 30th, Balfour of the 9th, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Orrock of the 36th and others

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