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Senators Orrock of the 36th, Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th, Thompson of the 5th and others offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend SR 1395 (LC 35 1839ER) by striking "Urging" on line 1 and inserting the following:*
 2 Expressing support for comprehensive immigration reform and requesting that the United
 3 States Congress reject any legislative efforts to enact unfair and ineffective immigration
 4 policies; urging

5 *By inserting following line 3 the following:*

6 WHEREAS, our nation's immigrants have made invaluable contributions to the progress of
 7 Georgia and the nation and continue to enrich the social, economic, cultural, and civic life
 8 of our country, and comprehensive immigration reform policies must recognize the important
 9 role that immigrant workers and their families play in the future growth of our state and
 10 nation; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia is a great destination for international visitors and businesses, and
 12 efforts to recruit international visitors and businesses must be supported; and

13 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform should provide legally present and
 14 law-abiding immigrant workers and their families with an opportunity to obtain permanent
 15 residency, and eventually United States citizenship, through an earned legalization program
 16 with fair, efficient, and reasonable requirements, and such a program should also include
 17 provisions to reunify families and reduce the immigration family backlog; and

18 WHEREAS, it is necessary that legislation promote naturalization and make resources
 19 available for English-as-a-Second-Language and civics instruction and address the
 20 fundamental cause of immigration to the United States, which is the need for sustainable
 21 social, economic, and political development in the communities where immigrants originate.

22 *By striking line 54 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
 24 request that the United States Congress reject any legislative efforts to enact unfair,
 25 inefficient, and ineffective immigration policies and enact comprehensive immigration
 26 reform that addresses all of the important above stated facts and issues.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body