

House Resolution 280

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Delta Air Lines on its 70th anniversary as the hometown  
2 airline of Atlanta, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Delta Air Lines is today among the largest airlines in the world but was a small  
4 carrier focused on the Southeast when it moved its headquarters from Monroe, Louisiana,  
5 to Atlanta on March 1, 1941; and

6 WHEREAS, in the decades that followed, Delta built the world's largest connecting hub in  
7 Atlanta and, for more than two decades, has remained Georgia's largest private employer and  
8 a major economic force in the region; and

9 WHEREAS, with over 25,000 employees based in Atlanta, Delta is estimated to pump more  
10 than \$25 billion into the local economy and is a major contributor to key community  
11 organizations, including the Grady Health Foundation, the Woodruff Arts Center, AID  
12 Atlanta, Hands On Atlanta, Habitat for Humanity, CARE, the Carter Center, and the National  
13 Center for Civil and Human Rights; and

14 WHEREAS, Delta Air Lines and the Delta Connection serve more than 160 million  
15 customers each year through an industry-leading global network with service to 357  
16 destinations in 67 countries on six continents; and

17 WHEREAS, Delta employs more than 75,000 employees world wide and operates a mainline  
18 fleet of more than 700 aircraft; and

19 WHEREAS, Delta is investing more than \$2 billion through 2013 in airport facilities and  
20 global products, services, and technology to enhance the customer experience in the air and  
21 on the ground; and

22 WHEREAS, Delta has built a reputation as one of the world's most outstanding airlines and  
23 one that Atlanta, Georgia, is proud to call its hometown airline.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize and commend Delta Air Lines on its 70th anniversary  
26 as the hometown airline of Atlanta, Georgia, and extend their best wishes for continued  
27 success in the future.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker of the House of Representatives is  
29 authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Delta Air Lines.