

## House Resolution 409

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86<sup>th</sup>, Braddock of the 19<sup>th</sup>, Sims of the 119<sup>th</sup>, Tinubu of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Carter of the 175<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the extraordinary contributions of women entrepreneurs, recognizing March  
2 15, 2011, as Women Entrepreneurs Day at the state capitol, and inviting Ms. Felicia Joy of  
3 Ms. CEO. Inc., to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the number of majority women-owned firms is growing at a rate nearly twice  
5 the United States average and those firms contribute \$1.1 trillion in revenues to the national  
6 economy and create jobs for 7.2 million Americans; and

7 WHEREAS, there are 278,250 woman-owned small businesses in Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia women entrepreneurs and their businesses contribute growth to the  
9 state economy by generating \$40.5 billion in annual revenues, employing 229,016 Georgia  
10 citizens, and adding to our common quality of life; and

11 WHEREAS, women entrepreneurs in Georgia have staked their claim in rebuilding the local,  
12 state, and national economies; and

13 WHEREAS, women business owners continue to be an integral part of Georgia's diverse  
14 economic industries and have made major, unparalleled contributions to this state's growth  
15 and development; and

16 WHEREAS, collectively, women entrepreneurs are to be recognized for thriving despite  
17 historical barriers, having held fast to their entrepreneurial spirit and prevailing as the leaders  
18 of businesses that demonstrate and provide great service, high standards, exceptional skill,  
19 innovation, educational attainment, and professionalism; and

20 WHEREAS, even during economic challenges, women entrepreneurs have continued to grow  
21 their businesses, serve their communities, and care for their families; and

22 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that women entrepreneurs be honored and  
23 recognized for all that they have accomplished and the fine example they have set; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. CEO, Inc., a champion and contributor to women entrepreneurs in Georgia  
25 and across the nation, has brought this worthy mission to this elected body.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body commend the considerable contributions of women entrepreneurs  
28 to the State of Georgia, recognize March 15, 2011, as Women Entrepreneurs Day at the state  
29 capitol, and invite Ms. Felicia Joy of Ms. CEO, Inc., to be recognized by the House of  
30 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of  
31 Representatives.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Ms. Felicia Joy of Ms. CEO,  
34 Inc., and members of the public and the press.