

Senate Resolution 375

By: Senator Chance of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the German Consulate; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, there is a bond of friendship between the citizens of Georgia and Germany, and
3 the people of Georgia welcome opportunities to grow our already deep relationship at all
4 levels, including cultural, academic, and business; and

5 WHEREAS, German Consul General Dr. Lutz Hermann Görgens has long been recognized
6 for his role in leadership and his deep personal commitment to fostering diplomatic
7 relationships with countries around the world; and

8 WHEREAS, Atlanta and all of Georgia are honored to have served as the home of the
9 consulate of Germany since September 10, 1904; and

10 WHEREAS, the German government's Transatlantic Climate Bridge initiative was launched
11 in 2008 to foster transatlantic cooperation in the climate and energy arena, with a focus on
12 renewable energy development and energy efficiency measures; and

13 WHEREAS, in the past two years, Georgia and Germany have engaged in numerous joint
14 projects, including the German-American Panel Discussion on Energy Efficient Buildings,
15 the 19th Georgia Recycling Coalition Conference on St. Simons Island, the 5th Annual
16 Georgia Environmental Conference, the Green Business Works Expo, and an Environmental
17 Trade Mission; and

18 WHEREAS, German companies in the renewable energy sector have opened plants in
19 Georgia, creating hundreds of new local jobs with companies such as MAGE Solar in
20 Dublin, RWE in Waycross, and ZF Industries in Gainesville County; and

21 WHEREAS, the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern US, Inc.,
22 (GACC South) is one of the largest bilateral chambers of commerce in the Southeast, with
23 a focus on growing German business and investment in the region; and

24 WHEREAS, hundreds of German companies have entered the United States with the
25 assistance of GACC South and its president and CEO, Mr. Kristian Wolf; and

26 WHEREAS, Germany has proven that economic growth is possible while reducing
27 greenhouse gas emissions and developing a renewable energy industry; and

28 WHEREAS, by working together, Georgia and Germany have the opportunity to encourage
29 the development of sustainable, reliable, and affordable energy, to create new green jobs, and
30 to enhance energy security.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize the special friendship between Georgia and Germany and express appreciation to
33 German Consul General Dr. Lutz Hermann Görgens and Mr. Kristian Wolf for their efforts
34 to promote and grow commercial and cultural ties between our two nations.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to German Consul General Dr. Lutz
37 Hermann Görgens and Mr. Kristian Wolf.