

House Resolution 1145

By: Representatives Jones of the 46th, Lindsey of the 54th, Martin of the 47th, Willard of the 49th, Riley of the 50th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Southwest Airlines on its expansion into Atlanta and
2 Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, the busiest in the world; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Southwest Airlines is the busiest passenger airline in the United States with
4 3,400 flights a day based in Dallas, Texas; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport carried more than 89 million
6 passengers in 2010 and flights for the first six months of 2011 were up to 3.7 percent
7 compared with 2010; and
- 8 WHEREAS, following their acquisition of AirTran Airways, who have had a hub in Atlanta
9 for many years, Southwest will now service this state and region; and
- 10 WHEREAS, with their expansion of services on February 12, 2012 Atlanta will have access
11 to 15 new routes to airports like Baltimore, Chicago Midway, Denver, and Houston and
12 Austin, Texas: and
- 13 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and Fulton County are excited to connect with Southwest
14 Airlines, a network of 563 aircrafts and 73 destinations within the United States; and
- 15 WHEREAS, AirTran Airways employs more than 8,000 employees nationwide with 7,000
16 in Atlanta alone, and operates a mainline fleet of more than 140 aircrafts, the AirTran pilots,
17 flight attendants, and mechanics are excited about joining Southwest family; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Southwest has built a reputation as the nation's most outstanding low fare airline
19 and one that Atlanta, Georgia is proud to have now servicing their airport.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize and commend Southwest Airlines on its expansion into
22 Atlanta and extend their best wishes for continued success in the future.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Southwest Airlines.