

House Resolution 1166

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Southwest Airlines on its expansion into Atlanta and Hartsfield-Jackson
2 International Airport, the busiest in the world, and inviting Chief Marketing Officer David
3 Ridley to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Southwest Airlines, based in Dallas, Texas, is the busiest passenger airline in
5 the United States with 3,400 flights a day; and

6 WHEREAS, Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport carried more than 89 million
7 passengers in 2010, and flights for the first six months of 2011 were up 3.7 percent compared
8 to 2010; and

9 WHEREAS, following their acquisition of AirTran Airways, who have had a hub in Atlanta
10 for many years, Southwest will now service this state and region; and

11 WHEREAS, with their expansion of services on February 12, 2012, Atlanta will have access
12 to 15 new routes to airports, including Baltimore, Chicago Midway, Denver, and Houston
13 and Austin, Texas: and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and Fulton County are excited to connect with the
15 Southwest Airlines network of 563 aircrafts and 73 destinations within the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, AirTran Airways employs more than 8,000 employees nation wide, with 7,000
17 in Atlanta alone, and operates a mainline fleet of more than 140 aircrafts, and the AirTran
18 pilots, flight attendants, and mechanics are excited about joining the Southwest family; and

19 WHEREAS, Southwest has built a reputation as the nation's most outstanding low fare
20 airline, one that Atlanta, Georgia, is proud to have now servicing their airport.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize and commend Southwest Airlines on its expansion into
23 Atlanta, invite Chief Marketing Officer David Ridley to be recognized by the House of
24 Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives, and extend their best wishes for continued success in the future.

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