

House Resolution 1447

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86th, Holcomb of the 82nd, Kendrick of the 94th, Oliver of the 83rd, Benfield of the 85th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the "Buy DeKalb!" Initiative; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, DeKalb County's strong economy and employment base continues to expand
3 rapidly, driving economic growth throughout the county and offering employers one of the
4 largest, easy to access labor draw areas in the state; and
- 5 WHEREAS, DeKalb ranks third in total population with nearly 700,000 residents and is
6 projected to increase 4 percent in the next decade by adding another 25,000 residents; and
- 7 WHEREAS, composed of DeKalb and five other counties that often provide workers for
8 DeKalb businesses, the labor force in DeKalb County grew 9.7 percent from 2000 to 2009
9 and employment grew 23 percent in the last decade, adding nearly 70,000 net new jobs; and
- 10 WHEREAS, DeKalb is home to DeKalb-Peachtree Airport, Georgia's second largest airport;
11 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; AT&T; and several major colleges and
12 universities, which lends itself to a growing international community; and
- 13 WHEREAS, it is the most ethnically diverse county in the Southeast with over 64 spoken
14 languages; and
- 15 WHEREAS, DeKalb residents' personal income is the third highest in Georgia and
16 14 percent above the state average; and
- 17 WHEREAS, with the diversity of products manufactured and services offered by DeKalb
18 County businesses, home should be the first place that DeKalb businesses look when
19 searching for vendors; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the "Buy DeKalb!" Initiative will promote the variety and flexibility of
21 businesses in DeKalb to other businesses in the county, as well as to the public; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this innovative initiative be appropriately
23 recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize the contributions of the "Buy DeKalb!" Initiative for its
26 plan on boosting the economy.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.