

House Resolution 2167

By: Representatives Marin of the 96th and Casas of the 103rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Latin American Association; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Latin American Association (LAA) helps Latino families achieve their
3 aspirations for academic, social, and economic advancement; and
- 4 WHEREAS, founded in 1972, the LAA has grown to serve over 52,000 individuals each year
5 and has become one of the state's leading agencies serving the Latino community; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the LAA is the only fully bilingual, bicultural organization in Atlanta dedicated
7 exclusively to the concerns of the Latino community; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the mission of the LAA is to further the integration of Latino immigrants into
9 American society as workers, family members, students, and leaders into a community that
10 welcomes them and values their contributions; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the LAA responds to families and individuals with urgent needs, provides
12 intensive long-term case management and direct services, develops self-sufficiency through
13 education and prevention programs, and promotes youth academic achievement by
14 improving the performance of Latino children to levels equivalent to other groups; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the LAA offers Latinos a diverse and extensive range of services and programs
16 to help them fully integrate into communities, including emergency assistance/family
17 services, immigration legal services, domestic violence support, employment programs,
18 educational programs, and youth academic achievement initiatives; and
- 19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine
20 organization and its numerous contributions to the Latino community be appropriately
21 recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend the Latin American Association for its work uplifting
24 the lives of Latino Americans.

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