

House Resolution 80

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Stephens of the 164th, Pruett of the 149th, Fludd of the 64th, Taylor of the 79th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Aerospace Industry for its significant beneficial
2 impact to the people and economy of the State of Georgia and invite Donald Mitchell,
3 Co-Chair of Georgia Aerospace Policy Working Group, and Chance McColl, Co-Chair of
4 Georgia Aerospace Policy Working Group, to be recognized by the House of
5 Representatives; and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, Georgia is a world leader aerospace as the state is home to more than 500
7 companies employing more than 84,000 Georgians; and

8 WHEREAS, Delta Air Lines is the world's second largest airline with headquarters in Atlanta
9 and half of its 60,000 member workforce located in Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, Gulfstream Aerospace employs more than 7,000 highly skilled workers in
11 Savannah and Brunswick, and Lockheed Martin employs approximately 7,000 workers at
12 its Marietta plant; and

13 WHEREAS, Thrush and Maule operate aircraft manufacturing facilities in Albany and
14 Moultrie, respectively, while companies throughout the state manufacture key components
15 for major aircraft engine programs throughout the world; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia's aerospace industry is a world leader in aerospace exports; between
17 2002 and 2011, the value of Georgia's aerospace exports grew a remarkable 838% to over
18 \$5.75 billion in 2011 (increasing over 30% just between 2010 and 2011), ranking Georgia
19 fourth among U.S. states; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to the world's busiest airport, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta
21 International Airport, where aviation activities and transportation hubs contribute to the
22 employment of 471,175 people and \$62.6 billion in statewide total economic impact; and

23 WHEREAS, Georgia aerospace is a leader in the maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO),
24 of military and civil aircraft engines and equipment and is home to the largest MRO facility
25 in the U.S. (Delta TechOps) and one of the world's largest military MRO facilities (Warner
26 Robins Air Logistics Complex); and

27 WHEREAS, Georgia offers world class aerospace education programs and is a leader in
28 research and development through public and private universities conducting over \$60
29 million in specialized aerospace research and over \$500 million in general engineering
30 research annually; and

31 WHEREAS, Georgia's aerospace industry, academia, and state and local governments are
32 collaborating to make Georgia a leader in the rapidly expanding unmanned aerial vehicles
33 market, projected to exceed \$10 billion annually by 2021, by working with the Federal
34 Aviation Administration to develop the technologies and systems required to integrate
35 unmanned aerial vehicles in the National Air Space System.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize the importance of the Georgia Aerospace Industry to the
38 State of Georgia, support efforts to maintain and strengthen the industry, help to foster its
39 continued growth within the State of Georgia for the benefit of all Georgians, and invite
40 Donald Mitchell and Chance McColl to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a
41 date and time designated by the Speaker of the House.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Aerospace
44 Advisory Council of the Georgia Center of Innovation for Aerospace.