

## House Resolution 1019

By: Representative Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Foreign Language Association of Georgia and Georgia's  
2 foreign language educators; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, foreign language skills contribute to Georgia's economic growth, workforce  
4 development, and competitiveness in the global marketplace; and

5 WHEREAS, foreign language skills can benefit all careers in Georgia's 21st century  
6 economy; and

7 WHEREAS, international companies operating in Georgia and across the globe look for and  
8 value workers with foreign language skills and cultural understanding; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Education has done an outstanding job to expand  
10 and improve the foreign language programs offered to students in Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia has one of the highest number of students in the nation enrolled in  
12 foreign language courses and programs; and

13 WHEREAS, schools across the state teach students a diverse array of foreign languages,  
14 including Spanish, French, Latin, German, Chinese, Japanese, Arabic, Italian, Greek, Korean,  
15 Portuguese, Russian, Turkish, and American Sign Language; and

16 WHEREAS, the Foreign Language Association of Georgia is dedicated to serving Georgia's  
17 foreign language educators, promoting cultural understanding, and improving foreign  
18 language education in Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, the Foreign Language Association of Georgia comprises educators and  
20 administrators and provides a variety of services to its members; and

21 WHEREAS, the state's foreign language educators do an outstanding job of teaching  
22 languages, improving the lives of young people, and giving students the tools to succeed at  
23 any career and compete in the global marketplace.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend the Foreign Language Association of Georgia and  
26 Georgia's foreign language educators for their outstanding commitment to excellence in  
27 foreign language education and for the contributions made by these educators to Georgia's  
28 workforce development, economic growth, and competitiveness in the global marketplace.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Joe Frank Uriz, President  
31 of the Foreign Language Association of Georgia.