

## House Resolution 607

By: Representatives Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>, Geisinger of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Martin of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Parsons of the 44<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Consulate General of Canada in Atlanta, members of the  
2 Legislative Assembly from the Province of Saskatchewan, SaskPower, the Petroleum  
3 Technology Research Centre, and the Southern States Energy Board; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the government of Canada has a consular presence in the State of Georgia that  
5 promotes business development, investment, tourism, culture, and information exchange  
6 between Canada and the southeastern states of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North  
7 Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee; and

8 WHEREAS, the Southern States Energy Board enhances economic development and the  
9 quality of life in the South through innovations in energy and environmental policies,  
10 programs, and technologies; and

11 WHEREAS, the Southern States Energy Board is headquartered in Peachtree Corners,  
12 Georgia, and is comprised of governors and state legislators from sixteen states and two  
13 territories; and

14 WHEREAS, Canada and the United States share a border for 5,525 miles, or 8,891  
15 kilometers, binding together companies, employees, tourists, sports fans, first responders, and  
16 border community residents who depend on goods and services traded between the two  
17 countries; and

18 WHEREAS, the economic prosperity of Canada and the United States is intertwined with an  
19 annual trade average of \$734 billion in goods and services traded across the border every  
20 year, of which \$6.3 billion is exported from Georgia to Canada and \$4.1 billion is imported  
21 to Georgia from Canada; and

22 WHEREAS, more than 200 Canadian companies are located in the State of Georgia, and  
23 nearly 9 million United States jobs, with more than 300,000 jobs in Georgia alone, depend  
24 on trade and investment with Canada; and

25 WHEREAS, Canada is the largest and most secure supplier of oil, natural gas, and electricity,  
26 and it is a leading supplier of uranium to the United States; and

27 WHEREAS, Canada and the United States have a vibrant knowledge-sharing relationship  
28 for communicating experiences and best practices in clean energy development; and

29 WHEREAS, it is the desire of this body to encourage greater collaboration and exchange  
30 between Georgia, the Southern States Energy Board, and Canada in the fields of economic  
31 development, trade, scientific research, education, and environmental sustainable energy.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize the special friendship between Georgia, Canada, and the  
34 Province of Saskatchewan and express our appreciation to the Consulate General of Canada  
35 in Atlanta, members of the Legislative Assembly from the Province of Saskatchewan,  
36 SaskPower, the Petroleum Technology Research Centre, and the Southern States Energy  
37 Board for their efforts to promote economic, educational, and scientific exchanges between  
38 the United States and Canada.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
41 Consulate General of Canada in Atlanta, members of the Legislative Assembly from the  
42 Province of Saskatchewan, SaskPower, the Petroleum Technology Research Centre, and the  
43 Southern States Energy Board.