

## House Resolution 1178

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>, Welch of the 110<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 119<sup>th</sup>, Atwood of the 179<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia House of Representatives and the Georgia Economic Developers  
2 Association on their efforts to improve the economic development climate of the State of  
3 Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Georgia's rare combination of economic assets, including its robust  
5 infrastructure, strong workforce productivity, pro-business climate, renowned Universities  
6 and Technical Colleges/QuickStart, competitive cost structure, and a well-known brand  
7 creates an environment in which businesses continue to thrive and succeed; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia has been ranked by several sources, including Site Selection for the last  
9 three years and Area Development for the last two years, as the top state in the nation in  
10 which to do business; and

11 WHEREAS, according to a survey released at the International Economic Development  
12 Council, the Georgia Department of Economic Development was ranked number one for best  
13 in class state-level economic development agency in the country; and

14 WHEREAS, economic growth in Georgia encompasses numerous fields, from Fortune 500  
15 headquarters to agricultural development, from tourism and film production to  
16 entrepreneurial growth, and from international businesses to local expansions; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and members of the Georgia Economic Developers  
18 Association (GEDA) announced over \$4.82 billion in investment and created 21,787 jobs  
19 through the location of 312 projects in calendar year 2015, and are committed to growing its  
20 economy by facilitating innovation, encouraging the expansion and retention of existing  
21 business, and attracting new businesses that will provide quality jobs for our citizens; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives and the GEDA work to maintain a strong  
23 business climate to grow jobs and to attract and encourage investment in and for Georgia.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend the Georgia House of Representatives and the Georgia  
26 Economic Developers Association and its members for the significant role they play in  
27 Georgia's economic growth and success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
30 Georgia Economic Developers Association.