

Senate Resolution 843

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st, Bethel of the 54th, Miller of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Senate and the Georgia Economic Developers Association on their
2 efforts to improve the economic development climate of the State of Georgia; and for other
3 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 Senate and the GEDA work to maintain a strong business climate
23 to grow jobs and to attract and encourage investment in and for Georgia.

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

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