

Senate Resolution 1133

By: Senator Beach of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the international representatives of the Georgia Department of Economic
2 Development; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia's extensive international reach and strong diplomatic and consular
4 presence have been instrumental in augmenting the state's economic growth and development
5 and, as a result, allowing the state to develop as a key participant in the global marketplace;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia is a leading state to do business with, as its geographical location
8 provides businesses the resources to succeed nationally and internationally; and

9 WHEREAS, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is the world's busiest and most
10 efficient passenger airport, and the Port of Savannah remains the largest container terminal
11 in North America, the second busiest port in the nation, and the fastest growing port in the
12 country; and

13 WHEREAS, for the sixth consecutive year, Georgia's total trade reached a record level of
14 \$127 billion in goods to 217 countries and territories, and Georgia remains the eleventh
15 largest exporting state in the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, the state's exports, totaling \$38.5 billion in 2015, have grown more than
17 90 percent in the past decade, and Georgia imports also experienced another record year in
18 2015 with imports totaling \$88.5 billion; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia has representation in 11 strategic markets, including Brazil, Canada,
20 Chile, China, Colombia, Europe, Israel, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and the United Kingdom and
21 Ireland; and

22 WHEREAS, Georgia's international economic development representatives showcase
23 Georgia's top-rated business environment worldwide, promote the state's industries abroad,
24 and strengthen the state's international friendships; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these distinguished individuals be
26 appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize the international representatives of the Georgia Department of Economic
29 Development for their contributions to Georgia.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the international
32 representatives of the Georgia Department of Economic Development.