

Senate Resolution 165

By: Senators Dugan of the 30th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Anderson of the 24th, Unterman of the 45th, Ginn of the 47th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA) for its efforts to
2 improve the economic development climate of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

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

7 WHEREAS, Georgia has been ranked by several sources, including *Site Selection Magazine*
8 for four consecutive years and *Area Development Magazine* for the last three years, as the
9 No. 1 state in the nation to do business; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Economic Development was named the No. 1 "Best
11 in Class" state-level economic development agency in the country, according to a recent
12 survey of United States corporate executives and location advisors by Development
13 Counsellors International released at the International Economic Development Council
14 Annual Conference; and

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

18 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and members of GEDA announced over \$5.2 billion
19 investment and created 34,703 jobs through the location of 412 projects in calendar year
20 2016, and are committed to growing its economy by facilitating innovation and encouraging
21 the retention and expansion of existing business and by attracting new businesses that will
22 provide quality jobs for all our citizens; and

23 WHEREAS, the Georgia Senate and GEDA work to maintain a strong business climate,
24 grow jobs, and attract and encourage investment in and for Georgia.

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

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