

Senate Resolution 370

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Unterman of the 45th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Women in Defense (WID) Georgia Chapter and recognizing March 16, 2017,
2 as Women in Defense Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Women in Defense (WID) Georgia Chapter is a national security and homeland
4 defense organization that supports both men and women in the areas of military, government
5 officials, elected officials, veterans, and homeland defense positions; and

6 WHEREAS, their mission is to cultivate and support the advancement and recognition of
7 professionals engaged in national security; and

8 WHEREAS, a National Security Organization, WID was established to provide professionals
9 in national security and homeland defense a formal environment for career growth through
10 networking, education, and career development; and

11 WHEREAS, membership is open to professional women and men whose achievement
12 activities relate to national security, and as of Fall 2015, the vibrant WID community has 20
13 chapters throughout the nation as well as international members from the military, veterans,
14 and elected officials; and

15 WHEREAS, through its Horizons Scholarship Program, WID encourages the pursuit of
16 careers in support of STEM, national defense, and national security; and

17 WHEREAS, WID is a proud affiliate of the National Defense Industrial Association, a
18 leading nonprofit Defense Industry association promoting national security; and

19 WHEREAS, the goal of WID Georgia is to collaborate, connect, and build coalitions that can
20 work together in the State of Georgia to build a sustainable and viable Georgia community
21 for the military, veterans, and professionals in the national security industry, and these
22 programs include national defense breakfast leadership summits, counter-terrorism training,

23 lone shooter training, legislative advocacy outreach, and small business incentive growth
24 within the national security and homeland defense industry; and

25 WHEREAS, additionally, WID provides legislative advocacy support for the veteran, retired
26 military, and homeland defense mission; and

27 WHEREAS, on March 16, 2017, WID Day is at the state capitol, and its membership
28 coalition is composed of military members, veterans, and businesses engaged in government
29 contracts for homeland defense; and

30 WHEREAS, WID's legislative advocacy is based on five tenants: (1) Incentives for veteran
31 owned businesses residing in Georgia to do business with state governments; (2) Initiatives
32 on Georgia hiring of veterans in state government to bridge military retirement into state
33 government retirement; (3) Tax breaks for retired military residing in Georgia; (4)
34 Legislation to bring defense and military jobs to Georgia; and (5) New legislation on the
35 horizon pertaining to veterans, military, and homeland defense.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 commend Women in Defense Georgia Chapter and recognize March 16, 2017, as Women
38 in Defense Day at the state capitol.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Women in
41 Defense Georgia Chapter.