

## Senate Resolution 486

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Parent of the 42nd, Mullis of the 53rd, Hill of the 4th and Harbison of the 15th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing May, 2017, as Building Safety Month at the state capitol and commending the
- 2 Building Officials Association of Georgia; and for other purposes.
  
- 3 WHEREAS, the Building Officials Association of Georgia, is committed to recognizing the
- 4 growth and strength of the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings, and
- 5 infrastructures of Georgia's citizens; and
  
- 6 WHEREAS, public confidence in the structural integrity of the buildings that make up our
- 7 community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians - building safety and fire
- 8 prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals,
- 9 laborers, and others in the construction industry - who work year-round to ensure the safe
- 10 construction of buildings; and
  
- 11 WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a
- 12 U.S. based organization, that brings together local, state, and federal officials that are experts
- 13 in the built-environment and strive to create and implement the highest-quality codes to
- 14 protect the public in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and
  
- 15 WHEREAS, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the
- 16 International Codes developed by this organization, which are the most widely adopted
- 17 building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation and include safeguards to protect the
- 18 public from natural disasters; and
  
- 19 WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to
- 20 remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of
- 21 public safety - our local code officials - who work to ensure safe and efficient buildings; and
  
- 22 WHEREAS, "Code Officials - Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth"
- 23 encourages all citizens to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient

24 construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation; and new technologies in the construction  
25 industry; Building Safety Month recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the  
26 implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

27 WHEREAS, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider the  
28 commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the  
29 community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided by local and state building  
30 departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize May, 2017, as Building Safety Month at the state capitol and commend the  
33 Building Officials Association of Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
36 press.