

## Senate Resolution 534

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Millar of the 40th, Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Building Officials Association of Georgia and recognizing May, 2017 as  
2 Building Safety Month; 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 that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disasters;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity of the buildings that make up our  
8 community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians - building safety and fire  
9 prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals,  
10 laborers, and others in the construction industry - who work year-round to ensure the safe  
11 construction of buildings; and

12 WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a  
13 United States based organization, that brings together local, state, and federal officials who  
14 are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to  
15 protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

16 WHEREAS, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the  
17 International Codes developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards  
18 developing organization, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire  
19 prevention codes in the nation, modern building codes that include safeguards to protect the  
20 public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires,  
21 floods, and earthquakes; and

22 WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to  
23 remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of

24 public safety - our local code officials - who assure us of safe, efficient, and livable buildings  
25 that are essential to keep America great; and

26 WHEREAS, "Code Officials - Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth"  
27 encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient  
28 construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction  
29 industry, Building Safety Month 2017 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to  
30 ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship, and play are safe, and recognizes  
31 that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and  
32 state agencies; and

33 WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to  
34 consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and  
35 in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and  
36 state building departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies in protecting lives  
37 and property.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
39 honor the Building Officials Association of Georgia, recognize May, 2017 as Building Safety  
40 Month, and encourage Georgia citizens to join their communities in participation of Building  
41 Safety Month activities.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
43 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Building  
44 Officials Association of Georgia.