

House Resolution 567

By: Representatives Cantrell of the 22nd, LaRiccia of the 169th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Stovall of the 74th, Barr of the 103rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia's small businesses and recognizing March 18-22, 2019, as GEORGIA
2 SMALL BUSINESS WEEK at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recognizes and values the dedication and entrepreneurial
4 spirit of Georgia's small businesses that keep the state and America's economies growing
5 strong. There are more than 785,000 registered establishments in Georgia, representing a
6 majority of the total number of businesses with employees in the state; and

7 WHEREAS, numerous entities, including the Georgia Centers of Innovation, the joint
8 economic development committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, the House
9 Rural Development Council, the House Small Business Development Committee, the Senate
10 Study Committee on Rural Georgia, and many others, are committed to helping our
11 businesses grow and creating new jobs within the state, assisting urban and rural
12 communities alike to create and enhance local entrepreneurial ecosystems, exemplary
13 workforce training, financial assistance programs, research, and technical assistance; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia provides a wide array of services to small businesses, including the
15 Small Business Development Centers and access to resources and assistance through
16 programs like the Georgia State Small Business Credit Initiative, which is a state lending
17 program that focuses on supporting small businesses and manufacturers; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2018, Georgia was named once again the best state in the nation in which to
19 conduct business. Additionally, Georgia was named number two in the country for fastest
20 growth of women-owned businesses and top five for the most black-owned businesses; and

21 WHEREAS, these accolades and others are evidence of the achievement of our efforts, as
22 well as a testament to the success we have to look forward to.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend the combined efforts of the State of Georgia to
25 encourage small business growth and development, urge all Georgians to acknowledge and
26 celebrate the achievements made by small businesses, both locally and nationally, and
27 recognize March 18-22, 2019, as GEORGIA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK at the state capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 public and the press.