

House Resolution 666

By: Representative Gilliard of the 162nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Garden City, Georgia, as an International City and commending the tremendous
2 economic impact this city has had on the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, international commerce has been a pillar of Georgia's economy throughout the
4 history of the state; in 2017, Georgia's total trade exceeded \$128 billion, including \$91 billion
5 in imports and \$37 billion in exports; and

6 WHEREAS, Garden City is the home of the Georgia Port Authority's Garden City Terminal,
7 which is the fourth busiest container facility in the United States, and at 1,200 acres, is the
8 largest such facility in North America; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia ports handled a record 4.2 million twenty-foot unit containers (TEUs)
10 in Fiscal Year 2018 and 2.6 million tons of cargo crossed the docks of Garden City Terminal;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, ports provide approximately 439,220 full and part-time jobs across this state;
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14 WHEREAS, the Garden City Terminal provides access to 44 percent of United States
15 consumers within 2 or 3 days; and

16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding economic contributions
17 of Garden City to the state of Georgia be appropriately recognized and commended.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body recognize Garden City, Georgia, as an International City and
20 commend the tremendous impact this city has had on the State of Georgia.

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