

House Resolution 671

By: Representatives Lopez Romero of the 99th, Marin of the 96th, Park of the 101st, and Cannon of the 58th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the contributions of the Georgia Association of Latino Elected
2 Officials (GALEO) in the State of Georgia for the past 15 years; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, GALEO is a nonpartisan and nonprofit organization that focuses upon
4 promoting greater civic engagement and leadership development of the Latinx community
5 in Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, GALEO has a strong membership base all across the State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, GALEO stands with immigrant and refugee families and populations, as well
8 as other marginalized groups; and

9 WHEREAS, this organization increases visibility of the Latino community and minority
10 communities and advocates for fair and just family immigration and a complete and accurate
11 census count; and

12 WHEREAS, through advocacy, litigation, and collaboration with other stakeholders,
13 GALEO has advanced equal protection for all Americans; and

14 WHEREAS, GALEO has increased the Latino community's political power and continues
15 to work toward a more representative democracy in Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, the important efforts of this organization include leadership development,
17 organizing and civic engagement, voter registration assistance, Get Out The Vote initiatives,
18 citizenship assistance, and policy advocacy to impact deep, long-term shifts in power,
19 behavior, and culture; and

20 WHEREAS, GALEO has used community-building and education to reach out to over
21 170,000 voters in 2018 in six different counties, increasing the share of the Latinx and
22 minority vote; and

23 WHEREAS, the Latino electorate has grown from a mere 10,000 to an estimated 260,000
24 strong in the most recent 2018 midterm elections; and

25 WHEREAS, the Latino electorate has outperformed the national Latino voter participation
26 rate statewide for two presidential cycles now; and

27 WHEREAS, Georgia Latina voters in 2016 led the nation with a voter participation rate of
28 73 percent; and

29 WHEREAS, GALEO has trained over 650 community members across the state through the
30 GALEO Institute for Leadership; and

31 WHEREAS, focusing on the areas of immigrant justice and voting rights has allowed this
32 organization to protect and empower immigrants, refugees, and people of color; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding efforts and service of this
34 exemplary organization be appropriately recognized for its longevity of 15 years in the State
35 of Georgia.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize and commend the Georgia Association of Latino Elected
38 Officials for its many contributions to the State of Georgia, and extend their most sincere best
39 wishes for its continued success.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
42 Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials.