

House Resolution 1253

By: Representatives Caldwell of the 20th, Singleton of the 71st, Cantrell of the 22nd, Bonner of the 72nd, Yearata of the 152nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Rugby ATL for its inaugural season and contributions to the
2 State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, rugby in the United States has grown exponentially over the years, resulting in
4 Major League Rugby launching Rugby ATL as the new franchise in 2019; and

5 WHEREAS, Rugby ATL had its first exhibition game against NOLA on January 12, 2020,
6 and its first regular season home game at Life University's Lupo Family Field in Marietta,
7 Georgia, on February 9, 2020; and

8 WHEREAS, there are an estimated one million rugby fans in the Metro Atlanta area and
9 more than 40 million rugby fans across the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, rugby is the fastest growing team sport in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Head Coach Scott Lawrence has assembled a team of exciting young players;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this extraordinary organization be
14 appropriately recognized for its inaugural season.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body recognize and commend Rugby ATL for its inaugural season and
17 contributions to the State of Georgia and extend their best wishes for a successful season.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
20 Rugby ATL.