

House Resolution 1445

By: Representatives Cox of the 28th, Burns of the 159th, Hatchett of the 155th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Greene of the 154th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the continued historical preservation of the Georgia state capitol; commending the
2 Georgia Building Authority team for excellence with the restoration and the discovery of
3 Andrew Carnegie Steel—one of the two oldest operating capitols in the United States with
4 Carnegie Steel; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Capitol stands as a magnificent testament to our state's rich
6 history and democratic traditions, having served continuously as the seat of Georgia's
7 government since its completion in 1889; and

8 WHEREAS, this historic structure was constructed between 1884 and 1889, representing one
9 of the finest examples of neoclassical architecture in the southeastern United States and
10 serving as a symbol of Georgia's enduring commitment to democratic governance; and

11 WHEREAS, during the recent comprehensive renovation of our beloved Capitol, remarkable
12 discoveries were made that revealed the building's extraordinary historical significance,
13 including the presence of original Andrew Carnegie structural steel throughout the building's
14 framework; and

15 WHEREAS, this discovery establishes the Georgia State Capitol as one of the two oldest
16 capitol buildings still in continuous operation in the United States of America to feature
17 Carnegie steel construction, adding immeasurable historical value to this treasured landmark;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Building Authority, under exceptional leadership, undertook the
20 monumental task of restoring our State Capitol to its original architectural glory while
21 preserving its historical integrity for future generations; and

22 WHEREAS, Marty Smith and Gerald Pilgrim of the Georgia Building Authority
23 demonstrated outstanding leadership, vision, and dedication throughout this complex
24 restoration project, ensuring that every detail honored both the building's historical
25 significance and the needs of modern governance; and

26 WHEREAS, David Goodhead provided exceptional expertise and craftsmanship in the
27 renovation process; his meticulous attention to detail and deep respect for historical
28 preservation brought our Capitol back to its magnificent original condition; and

29 WHEREAS, the dedication and expertise of the construction team comprised of Sachin Dev
30 Shailendra of SG Contracting, Michael Macon of Balfour-Beatty, M. Sean Moxley of
31 Garbutt Construction, and the design team including Lamar Wakefield and Henry Cantwell
32 of Nelson were essential to the successful restoration of one of Georgia's most important
33 historic landmarks; and

34 WHEREAS, the entire Georgia Building Authority team worked tirelessly to balance
35 historical preservation with modern functionality, creating a restored Capitol that serves as
36 both a working seat of government and a treasured historical landmark; and

37 WHEREAS, their collective efforts have ensured that the Georgia State Capitol will continue
38 to inspire citizens and visitors alike for generations to come, standing as a proud symbol of
39 Georgia's heritage and democratic values.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body urge the continued historical preservation of the Georgia State
42 Capitol and commend the Georgia Building Authority team for excellence with the
43 restoration and the discovery of Andrew Carnegie Steel—one of the two oldest operating
44 capitols in the United States with Carnegie Steel.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives extends its deepest
46 gratitude to all members of the Georgia Building Authority team who contributed to this
47 historic restoration project, recognizing their commitment to preserving Georgia's
48 architectural heritage.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
50 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Gerald
51 Pilgrim, David Goodhead, and the Georgia Building Authority.