

## House Resolution 1759

By: Representatives Fludd of the 66<sup>th</sup>, Mosby of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Bruce of the 64<sup>th</sup>, and Thomas of the 100<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Saluting the microenterprise industry and the Georgia Micro Enterprise Network and  
2 welcoming the Association for Enterprise Opportunity 2006 annual conference to Atlanta;  
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, small businesses comprise more than 53 percent of the nation's economic  
5 engine, particularly the smallest of businesses, with ten employees or less, posting a net gain  
6 of more than 2.6 million jobs in recent years; and

7 WHEREAS, microenterprise economics embrace economic development strategies, human  
8 development, and alleviation of poverty; and

9 WHEREAS, microenterprises are well documented as entities that create jobs, generate  
10 income, build assets, and enhance interpersonal economic skills among its owners and their  
11 employees; and

12 WHEREAS, significant economic and social benefits outweigh the public investments in  
13 microenterprise ventures as entrepreneurs turn aspirations into actions as business men and  
14 women can access nontraditional capital resources and critical technical assistance; and

15 WHEREAS, the Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN) is approaching its 20th year  
16 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to making a difference in the economy of Georgians;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, GMEN is assisting in hosting the annual conference of the Association for  
19 Enterprise Opportunity May 16-19, 2006, in Atlanta; and

1 WHEREAS, the annual conference celebrates the visions of microenterprise success with  
2 workshops and networking venues to strengthen new and expanding small businesses; and

3 WHEREAS, Georgia welcomes the national membership of the Association for Enterprise  
4 Opportunity to Georgia as a showcase for microenterprise ventures and as a national model  
5 for economic self-sufficiency.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
7 this body salutes the microenterprise industry and the Georgia Micro Enterprise Network and  
8 welcomes the Association for Enterprise Opportunity annual conference to Atlanta, Georgia.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
10 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Association for Enterprise  
11 Opportunity and the Georgia Micro Enterprise Network.