

## House Resolution 1025

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing copper as critical to the State of Georgia and urging for its inclusion on the  
2 official United States Geological Survey Critical Minerals List; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, copper availability in the State of Georgia and the United States remains a  
4 crucial part of national and state-wide economic development, national security, and energy  
5 and water infrastructure; and

6 WHEREAS, copper continues to be in high demand, and the supply chain is increasingly at  
7 risk of disruptions; therefore, copper should be added to the official United States Geological  
8 Survey Critical Minerals List in order to assist the economy and the transformation of the  
9 State of Georgia to clean energy; and

10 WHEREAS, in recent years, the United States has become a net importer of copper, with  
11 China accounting for 43 percent of refined copper production outside of the United States  
12 as of 2020; and

13 WHEREAS, as demand for copper grows in the United States, increasing domestic  
14 production will become necessary to avoid import reliance, vulnerability to supply  
15 disruptions, and market manipulation; and

16 WHEREAS, the copper industry is essential in nearly every facet of the United States  
17 economy, including construction, production of consumer products, and the energy and  
18 defense sectors; and

19 WHEREAS, as home to Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, General Dynamics, S&K  
20 Aerospace, and other major defense manufacturing firms, maintaining a stable supply of  
21 copper is an issue of critical importance to the State of Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, employment provided by the copper mining industry is equally important for  
23 the State of Georgia, as copper miners, refiners, manufacturers, and other members of the  
24 industry represent approximately 40,000 jobs across 30 states; and

25 WHEREAS, as the State of Georgia continues to innovate and grow economically, copper  
26 and copper alloys will continue to remain essential for our businesses as well as for the  
27 development of clean energies.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body recognize copper as critical to the State of Georgia for its crucial  
30 role in the development of this state's economy and urge for its inclusion on the official  
31 United States Geological Survey Critical Minerals List.

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