

Senate Resolution 186

By: Senators Burns of the 23rd and Jones II of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Greater Augusta's Interfaith Coalition; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, founded in 1998, Greater Augusta's Interfaith Coalition (GAIC) is a
3 non-partisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) community service organization that represents over 15
4 denominations and religious systems; and

5 WHEREAS, GAIC provides essential community services such as feeding the poor,
6 educating voters, encouraging civic participation, and organizing groups and committees to
7 address community needs; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2020, GAIC expanded its reach to more than 17 counties in Georgia as well
9 as to South Carolina to further support and advocate for civic engagement, environmental
10 justice, economic empowerment, healthcare, equal justice, youth development, senior and
11 disabled assistance, and social activism; and

12 WHEREAS, GAIC has recently focused its efforts on childhood literacy and voting rights,
13 collaborating with organizations such as the Area Agency on Aging, Georgia Legal Counsel,
14 National Get-Out-To-Vote, East Central Regional Hospital, and the Georgia Family Council
15 to advance its mission; and

16 WHEREAS, following Hurricane Helene in 2024, GAIC served as the Hurricane Helene
17 Relief and Resource Center, providing food, supplies, housing, grief counseling, childcare,
18 elder care, and assistance with debris clearing despite a two-week power outage; and

19 WHEREAS, GAIC's robust voter engagement initiatives include a Voters' Protection
20 Hotline, educational forums, programs targeting young and minority voters, senior voter
21 education, and election protection efforts; and

22 WHEREAS, GAIC actively promotes community engagement through innovative programs
23 such as the County Community Development Services Initiative and the Clean Air and
24 Environmentally Responsive Young Voters Initiative; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this
26 extraordinary organization be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize and commend Greater Augusta's Interfaith Coalition for its decades of service on
29 behalf of the citizens of this state as well as extend best wishes for its continued growth and
30 success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Greater Augusta's
33 Interfaith Coalition.