

House Resolution 365

By: Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Gaines of the 120th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th, and Burchett of the 176th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Georgia Association of Manufacturers on the 125th anniversary of its
2 formation; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Manufacturers (GAM) was founded in 1900 as the
4 Georgia Industrial Association; and

5 WHEREAS, at its first annual meeting in May 1901, G. Gunby Jordan, president of the Eagle
6 and Phenix Mill in Columbus, offered a benediction, stating, "I wish this newborn
7 Association Godspeed in its mission for the financial betterment of all the institutions which
8 compose it, for the developing and cementing of closer ties of friendship . . . for the one
9 glorious purpose – the betterment of mankind"; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Industrial Association became the Cotton Manufacturers of Georgia
11 in 1912 then was later renamed the Georgia Textile Manufacturers Association in 1960; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2007, the Association expanded its membership scope to represent all
13 companies engaged in manufacturing within the State of Georgia, eventually becoming
14 known as the Georgia Association of Manufacturers in 2011; and

15 WHEREAS, from its beginning to this day, the Association has served its membership as a
16 unifying entity that has contributed substantially to the growth and development of an
17 industry of essential importance to the economic and social prosperity of this great state; and

18 WHEREAS, GAM has served and continues to serve proudly, ethically, and in a nonpartisan
19 manner as the voice of the manufacturing industry on matters of public policy at the state
20 capitol, the Georgia Public Service Commission, and other state agencies; and

21 WHEREAS, GAM also serves its growing roster of members by providing thought
22 leadership on critical issues, hosting numerous forums to discuss developments of interest
23 and best practices, creating workforce solutions, promoting modern manufacturing as a
24 compelling career choice, and providing research and intelligence to members to support
25 their success in the global marketplace; and

26 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to approximately 10,000 manufacturers who employ 435,000
27 people, including many in rural Georgia, provide jobs with above-average wages and
28 benefits, and support numerous businesses outside the manufacturing sector; and

29 WHEREAS, the manufacturing industry generated total output for the State of Georgia in
30 2023 of \$77.2 billion, accounting for 9.6 percent of Georgia's total gross state product; and

31 WHEREAS, GAM continues to provide critical representation and thought leadership as
32 manufacturers and their employees help move our state into a more technologically advanced
33 future, ensuring that Georgia is a great place in which to invest in manufacturing, to work,
34 to live, and to raise our families.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body congratulate the Georgia Association of Manufacturers upon its
37 125th anniversary and wish GAM and the industry it serves a bright future with "one glorious
38 purpose"—the betterment of humankind.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
41 Georgia Association of Manufacturers.