

Senate Resolution 249

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Still of the 48th, Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th, Jackson of the 41st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council upon its 50th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council (GMSDC) has served as
4 the State of Georgia's premier small business development and supplier diversity advocacy
5 organization for the past 50 years; and

6 WHEREAS, founded in 1975 as the Atlanta Regional Minority Purchasing Council by six
7 visionary Georgia corporations—AT&T, the Coca-Cola Company, Cox Communications,
8 Delta Air Lines, Georgia Power, and WestRock—the GMSDC has since expanded into a
9 leading organization dedicated to strengthening supplier diversity and business development
10 across the state; and

11 WHEREAS, the GMSDC community consists of more than 400 Georgia corporations and
12 government entities that conduct business with the 1,400 small and minority business
13 suppliers within the council's ecosystem; and

14 WHEREAS, the partnerships cultivated by the GMSDC generate more than \$11 billion in
15 annual revenue, with an economic impact exceeding \$20 billion; and

16 WHEREAS, the GMSDC's supply chain relationships support tens of thousands of jobs
17 across the state, providing billions of dollars in wages and benefits to Georgia's workforce
18 and greatly supporting economic growth; and

19 WHEREAS, the GMSDC has further provided vital certification, business development,
20 capacity building, mentoring, leadership training, financial resources, and technology support
21 to both large and small businesses in Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, the GMSDC spearheads the state's annual Minority Business Opportunity Week
23 each September, celebrating the achievements of Georgia's minority-owned businesses and
24 recognizing their essential contributions to the state's economy; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable organization be
26 appropriately honored during this special time.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council upon the grand occasion of
29 its 50th anniversary as well as extend best wishes for continued success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
32 Minority Supplier Development Council.