

House Resolution 409

By: Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Griffin of the 149th, Paris of the 142nd, and Washburn of the 144th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority (MBCIA) for its exceptional
2 contributions to economic development, investment attraction, and community partnerships
3 in Macon-Bibb County; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the MBCIA has demonstrated outstanding leadership in fostering economic
5 growth, culminating in over \$1 billion in investments in Macon-Bibb County during 2024;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, significant milestones achieved under the MBCIA's guidance include Irving
8 Tissue's announcement of a nearly \$600 million expansion, adding at least 100 new jobs to
9 its Macon facility; First Quality Baby Products' announcement of a \$418 million expansion,
10 further strengthening the local economy; YKK USA's celebration of 50 years of operation
11 in Macon, exemplifying long-term industrial commitment; and Embraer's reaffirmation of
12 its dedication to the region by signing a new 15-year lease, ensuring continued operations in
13 Macon; and

14 WHEREAS, the MBCIA has facilitated substantial contributions to local development and
15 education through the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Program, including a \$1,941,643
16 check presented to the Bibb County School District, accepted by Superintendent Dan Sims,

17 and a \$1,929,580 check presented to Macon-Bibb County, accepted by Mayor Lester Miller;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, these strategic initiatives and partnerships have significantly enhanced the
20 economic landscape of Macon-Bibb County, creating employment opportunities, expanding
21 the tax base, and improving the quality of life for residents.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority for its
24 exemplary efforts in driving economic development, attracting substantial investments, and
25 fostering collaborative relationships that benefit the entire community.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body recognize Board Chair Robby
27 Fountain, Executive Director Stephen Adams, and the leadership and staff of the
28 Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority for their dedication, vision, and effective execution
29 of strategies that have positioned Macon-Bibb County as a premier destination for business
30 and industry.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority.