

## Senate Resolution 308

By: Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Brass of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st and others

## 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
36 congratulate the Georgia Association of Manufacturers upon its 125th anniversary and wish  
37 GAM and the industry it serves a bright future with "one glorious purpose"— the betterment  
38 of humankind.

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