

## House Resolution 475

By: Representatives Jackson of the 68<sup>th</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, McQueen of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Holly of the 116<sup>th</sup>, and Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>

## 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council  
29 upon the grand occasion of its 50th anniversary as well as extend best wishes for continued  
30 success.

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 Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council.