

House Resolution 608

By: Representatives Lim of the 98th, Cannon of the 58th, and Carter of the 93rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Metro Atlanta Coalition for Healthy Neighborhoods,
2 Wholesome Wave Georgia, and Retaaza; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Metro Atlanta Coalition for Healthy Neighborhoods (MACHN) is a
4 dedicated partnership of organizations, including the Lucky Shoals Community Association,
5 working to address disparities in healthcare access, food security, and overall well-being
6 across metro Atlanta; and

7 WHEREAS, Wholesome Wave Georgia is dedicated to increasing access to fresh, locally
8 grown food for the 1.4 million food-insecure Georgians who rely on federal nutrition
9 assistance, thereby addressing the direct correlation between food insecurity, poverty, and
10 diet-related health issues such as obesity and chronic illness; and

11 WHEREAS, through innovative programs and partnerships with local farmers, Wholesome
12 Wave Georgia empowers families by making healthy food choices more affordable and
13 accessible; and

14 WHEREAS, Retaaza is a social enterprise that reduces food insecurity by connecting local
15 farmers directly with consumers, creating sustainable food pipelines that provide fresh,

16 healthy produce to individuals and families in need while supporting economic stability in
17 rural communities and preventing food waste; and

18 WHEREAS, the American Heart Association (AHA), the nation's oldest and largest
19 voluntary organization dedicated to combating heart disease and stroke, has invested over
20 \$5 billion in research, making it the largest not-for-profit funding source for cardiovascular
21 and cerebrovascular disease research aside from the federal government; and

22 WHEREAS, the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority (FDHA) was established to ensure
23 equitable access to quality healthcare for all residents of Fulton and DeKalb counties
24 regardless of socioeconomic status by working collaboratively with and community partners
25 to close gaps in healthcare services and promote health equity; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these exemplary organizations be
27 appropriately honored during this special time.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend the Metro Atlanta Coalition for Healthy
30 Neighborhoods, Wholesome Wave Georgia, and Retaaza for their contributions on behalf
31 of those in need as well as extend best wishes for continued success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 Metro Atlanta Coalition for Healthy Neighborhoods, Wholesome Wave Georgia, and
35 Retaaza.