

House Resolution 1169

By: Representatives Burns of the 159th and Hitchens of the 161st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, the Effingham County Industrial
2 Development Authority, and their partners in conjunction with Effingham Day at the Capitol
3 for exceptional leadership, collaboration, and economic impact in Effingham County; and
4 for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, working in partnership with the
6 Effingham County Industrial Development Authority and other public and private
7 stakeholders, has advanced a collaborative approach to economic development and business
8 advocacy that supports job creation, investment, and long-term prosperity in Effingham
9 County and the greater Coastal Empire region; and

10 WHEREAS, this collaborative work is showcased through Effingham Day at the Capitol, an
11 annual initiative led and organized by the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, which
12 convenes state and local leaders, employers, educators, and community stakeholders to
13 highlight Effingham County's economic momentum, workforce priorities, infrastructure
14 needs, and regional opportunities; and

15 WHEREAS, the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce serves as the primary convener
16 and driver of Effingham Day at the Capitol, providing leadership in business advocacy,

17 legislative engagement, and regional coordination to ensure that Effingham County's voice
18 and priorities are effectively represented at the state level; and

19 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Susan Kraut, President and Chief Executive Officer, the
20 Effingham County Chamber of Commerce has expanded its impact through strengthened
21 advocacy, workforce and leadership development initiatives, tourism and place-based
22 promotion, and a sustained focus on balanced and strategic economic growth; and

23 WHEREAS, Susan Kraut has been recognized for her statewide influence through inclusion
24 in the Georgia 500: Most Influential Leaders, reflecting her leadership in economic
25 development, public-private partnership building, and civic engagement across the State of
26 Georgia; and

27 WHEREAS, the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority, a presenting partner
28 of Effingham Day at the Capitol, plays a critical role in advancing industrial recruitment,
29 supporting major capital investment, and strengthening Effingham County's long-term
30 economic competitiveness under the leadership of Brandt Herndon, Chief Executive Officer,
31 who has likewise been named to the Georgia 500: Most Influential Leaders in recognition
32 of that work; and

33 WHEREAS, the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce is governed by a volunteer Board
34 of Directors elected by the Chamber's membership and currently chaired by Brett Bennett,
35 whose leadership reflects a strong commitment to sound governance, accountability, and
36 service to the business community; and

37 WHEREAS, the leadership and convening role of the Effingham County Chamber of
38 Commerce, in partnership with the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority and

39 a broad network of stakeholders, has helped position Effingham County as a growing hub
40 of opportunity while maintaining its character, quality of life, and long-term resilience.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body commend the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, the
43 Effingham County Industrial Development Authority, and their partners for their
44 collaborative efforts and economic impact; recognize Effingham Day at the Capitol as a
45 meaningful example of effective business advocacy and regional leadership; and honor the
46 service of Susan Kraut, Brandt Herndon, and Board Chair Brett Bennett for their
47 contributions to Effingham County and the State of Georgia.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
49 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
50 Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, the Effingham County Industrial Development
51 Authority, Susan Kraut, Brandt Herndon, and Brett Bennett.