

House Resolution 1374

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 efforts of the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce for its significant
2 contributions to economic prosperity, business advocacy, and the cultivation of local talent
3 through the Leadership Macon program; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce has served as the organized voice
5 of the Macon-Bibb business community since 1861, championing a mission to provide the
6 resources and support necessary to advance business success and regional economic vitality;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the Chamber represents a diverse network of nearly 800 investors, ranging from
9 small local enterprises to major global industries, all united under the vision of making
10 Macon-Bibb the premier community for business in the State of Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, since its inception in 1979, the Leadership Macon program has stood as a
12 flagship initiative of the Chamber, dedicated to identifying and training a diverse network
13 of emerging and established leaders to address the community's most pressing challenges;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the Leadership Macon program provides a transformative nine-month
16 experience, beginning with a dedicated retreat to foster trust and relationship-building among
17 a cohort of professionals representing every sector of the local economy; and

18 WHEREAS, through monthly immersive class days, participants gain deep insights into the
19 essential pillars of the region, including local government, healthcare, education, agriculture,
20 housing, and economic development, ensuring they are well-informed and ready to serve;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the Chamber further advances the region's growth through strategic initiatives
23 such as "Choose Macon," workforce development partnerships, and unwavering advocacy
24 for critical community assets like the Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park and Robins
25 Air Force Base; and

26 WHEREAS, the organization's enduring impact is a direct result of the collaborative spirit
27 of its Board of Directors and staff, who work tirelessly to leverage local investment into
28 tangible prosperity for all citizens of the Macon-Bibb region; and

29 WHEREAS, the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce continues to lead with core values
30 of integrity, inclusivity, and fiscal responsibility, ensuring that as the community grows, its
31 leadership remains visionary, connected, and engaged.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce for its
34 155-year legacy of excellence, its commitment to economic growth, and its vital role in
35 preparing the next generation of leaders through Leadership Macon.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognition is given to President and CEO Jessica
37 Walden, the Chamber Board of Directors, and the Leadership Macon Advisory Board for
38 their dedication, vision, and tireless service to the people and businesses of Macon-Bibb
39 County.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
42 Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce.