

House Resolution 1627

By: Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Kelley of the 16th, Scoggins of the 14th, and Gambill of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 10, 2026, as Qcells Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Qcells is a global leader in delivering complete energy solutions and is widely
3 recognized as a trusted, high-quality United States solar manufacturer and energy provider;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Qcells has led efforts to establish a domestic, secure, and vertically integrated
6 supply chain while making the largest investment in United States solar energy
7 manufacturing to date; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2019, Qcells built the largest solar panel manufacturing facility of its kind
9 in the Western Hemisphere in Dalton, Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, since then, Qcells has expanded its Dalton factory and, in 2023, announced
11 plans to invest a record-breaking \$2.5 billion to build the only vertically integrated solar
12 supply chain factory in the United States, located in Cartersville, Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, Qcells began the construction of an advanced manufacturing facility in
14 Cartersville, Georgia, which will onshore critical steps of the solar supply chain nearly

15 monopolized by China, including ingot, wafer, solar cell, and final solar module production;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, when its Cartersville factory is complete in 2026, Qcells and its affiliated
18 Georgia facilities will have a combined annual solar panel production capacity of 8.4 GW
19 and support more than 4,000 manufacturing jobs in Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, across the Georgia counties where Qcells operates, the company's presence
21 generates an estimated 6,755 jobs annually through direct, indirect, and induced employment
22 and drives more than \$2 billion in economic output—this impact underscores the substantial
23 economic value that domestic solar manufacturers like Qcells bring to local communities and
24 to the broader American economy; and

25 WHEREAS, despite Qcells' recent arrival to Whitfield County, it is the No. 1 user of the port,
26 importing three times the amount of inputs than our next largest manufacturer; and

27 WHEREAS, Qcells' investments in American-made energy are why it's ready to meet both
28 growing energy demand and cost concerns across the State of Georgia; and

29 WHEREAS, Georgia's elected officials continue to prioritize and invest in energy
30 affordability for hardworking Georgians with technology that is made in America; and

31 WHEREAS, Georgia's elected officials have also prioritized creating good manufacturing
32 jobs, which has resulted in incredible investment from not only Qcells but also other
33 companies focused on building the next generation of energy in the Peach State; and

34 WHEREAS, Georgia will require a mix of energy resources to meet its projected 36,000 MW
35 of new demand, which is why it is critical to utilize quick-to-power Georgia-made energy
36 that also supports Georgia's manufacturing jobs.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body recognize March 10, 2026, as Qcells Day in honor of the
39 investments that Qcells has made in the State of Georgia.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
42 public and the press.