

Senate Resolution 1054

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Merritt of the 9th and Kemp of the 38th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Atlanta Botanical Garden on the occasion of its 50th  
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, incorporated in 1976, the Atlanta Botanical Garden is celebrating 50 years of  
4 excellence as one of the nation's premier public gardens and a treasured cultural and  
5 environmental asset; and

6 WHEREAS, what began as a grassroots vision in 1973 has grown into a 30-acre urban oasis  
7 in Midtown Atlanta, serving as a space for education, conservation, and community  
8 engagement; and

9 WHEREAS, over the decades, the garden has expanded significantly, including the addition  
10 of the Children's Garden in 1999 and the Fuqua Orchid Center in 2002, enhancing its role as  
11 a leader in horticulture and public education; and

12 WHEREAS, continued innovation led to the completion of the Canopy Walk, now known  
13 as the Kendeda Canopy Walk, a 600-foot elevated pathway through Storza Woods that offers  
14 visitors a unique perspective of Atlanta's natural landscape; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2015, the garden broadened its impact by opening a second campus in  
16 Gainesville, further extending its mission across the region; and

17 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Botanical Garden has remained deeply committed to conservation  
18 and research, operating the Southeastern Center for Conservation and serving as a founding  
19 member of the Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance to protect native plant species and  
20 biodiversity; and

21 WHEREAS, the garden has received numerous accolades for its excellence, including the  
22 Iseli Award for its Southern Conifer Garden, a United States Fish and Wildlife Service grant  
23 supporting habitat restoration, and the American Public Gardens Association's Award for  
24 Garden Excellence; and

25 WHEREAS, through dynamic programming and seasonal exhibitions, including  
26 community-centered events such as "Tulips at Twilight," the garden continues to provide  
27 enriching experiences for residents and visitors alike; and

28 WHEREAS, for five decades, the Atlanta Botanical Garden has inspired environmental  
29 stewardship, fostered education, and contributed significantly to the cultural and ecological  
30 landscape of the region.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize and commend the Atlanta Botanical Garden for its 50 years of outstanding service,  
33 growth, and commitment to conservation and community enrichment as well as extend best  
34 wishes for continued success in the years to come.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Atlanta  
37 Botanical Garden.