

## House Resolution 2097

By: Representatives Stinson of the 150<sup>th</sup>, Olaleye of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 68<sup>th</sup>, Dawson of the 65<sup>th</sup>, and Flournoy of the 74<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Center for Employment Opportunities Atlanta; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, established in August 2021 through partnerships with the GreenLight Fund and  
4 Georgia's Department of Human Services, the Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)  
5 Atlanta provides comprehensive workforce development services to individuals returning  
6 home from incarceration; and

7 WHEREAS, CEO Atlanta ensures that returning citizens have access to economic and social  
8 mobility through job readiness training, transitional employment, advanced training and  
9 certificates, job coaching and placement, and retention services; and

10 WHEREAS, the 143 individuals who CEO served in Fiscal Year 2025 participated in  
11 immediate work experience and daily pay, with CEO paying out more than \$325,000 in  
12 transitional job wages and helping 61 individuals secure full time employment upon  
13 completing the program at an average wage of \$18.56 an hour; and

14 WHEREAS, CEO's program model has been evaluated to increase both public safety and  
15 employment outcomes, with findings showing a 22 percent reduction in recidivism and 48  
16 percent increase in employment after three years; and

17 WHEREAS, CEO Atlanta works closely with community partners at the local and state  
18 levels, including the Department of Community Services, the Fulton County Jail, the  
19 Gateway Center, the Atlanta Hawks, the Atlanta Department of Public Works, and more; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this exemplary organization be  
21 appropriately honored during this special time.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body recognize and commend the Center for Employment Opportunities  
24 Atlanta for its many outstanding contributions on behalf of the citizens of this state and  
25 extend best wishes for continued success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 Center for Employment Opportunities Atlanta.