House Resolution 1065

By: Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Gladney of the 130th, Paris of the 142nd, Schofield of the 63rd, Westbrook of the 163rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia's working women for their contributions toward

2 building strong families and supporting the Georgia economy; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Georgia strives to remain the No. 1 state to do business, and economic security
is an important concern for women, their children, their partners, and the health of Georgia's
communities and economy; and

6 WHEREAS, women comprise more than half of Georgia's adult population and are the
7 primary or co-breadwinners in more than half of all Georgia households with children,
8 making up more than 65 percent of the low-wage essential-worker workforce; and

9 WHEREAS, research has shown that policy solutions such as salary transparency, increased 10 paid sick days and paid leave, accessible and affordable childcare, stable housing, and 11 workplace protections are all known to have a positive impact on women and families and 12 would boost the Georgia economy as much as \$14.4 billion; and

WHEREAS, access to healthy foods, clean air and water, public transportation, affordable
and safe housing, and equitable utility services are all integral to a working woman and her
family's health and financial stability; and

16 WHEREAS, protections for pregnant women at work ensure that women remain an integral

17 part of the workforce, have healthy pregnancies and deliveries, and continue to strengthen

18 Georgia families; and

WHEREAS, affordable and accessible health care equates to a stronger and healthierworkforce, and Georgia currently has the third highest uninsured rate in the country; and

WHEREAS, sixty percent of all working Georgians cannot access the unpaid Family
Medical Leave Act due to ineligibility or being unable to afford to take leave without pay;
implementing policies such as paid leave increases women's labor force participation rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
the members of this body recognize and commend Georgia's working women for their many
outstanding contributions to this state.

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