

House Resolution 1190

By: Representative Marin of the 96th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Veronica Maldonado-Torres; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Veronica Maldonado-Torres presently serves as the President and CEO of the
3 Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, a position she has held since 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, her tenure has been marked by transformative leadership, innovative initiatives
5 and programs emphasizing collaboration with diverse communities, contributing
6 significantly to Georgia's narrative of success; and
- 7 WHEREAS, under her guidance, the chamber has notably expanded its services and
8 geographical outreach, particularly supporting businesses in rural and coastal regions of
9 Georgia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, her impact extends to securing historic federal funding to help support Hispanic
11 businesses across the state and advocating for legislative measures representing the interests
12 of over 5,000 attendees and members; and

13 WHEREAS, her efforts have been instrumental in advancing supplier diversity at the state
14 level, positioning her as a catalyst for the growth of small businesses, minority leadership,
15 and collaborations with large corporations; and

16 WHEREAS, her exceptional contributions have garnered recognition, including being named
17 one of the "100 Most Influential Georgians" by *Georgia Trend Magazine* in 2023, her
18 inclusion in the "Georgia 500 Most Influential Leaders" by *Georgia Trend Magazine* in both
19 2023 and 2022, being recognized as one of the "Atlanta 500 Most Influential Leaders" by
20 *Atlanta Magazine* in 2022 and 2021, and receiving the "Champion of Corporate Diversity"
21 Award from the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* in 2021; and

22 WHEREAS, she has also received accolades as an "Outstanding Georgia Citizen" from
23 Lieutenant Governor Geoff Duncan and Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, and in 2022,
24 she was honored with the prestigious "Goodwill Ambassador Medal" by the Georgia State
25 Senate, presented by Senator Lester Jackson; and

26 WHEREAS, she plays a prominent role as a board member in various renowned
27 organizations, spanning a wide range of sectors, with notable involvement in ethics,
28 community improvement, educational advancement, and business development; and

29 WHEREAS, she is deeply committed to empowering women in the workforce and inspiring
30 CEOs and leaders to embrace her "Driven to Thrive" mind set, emphasizing meaningful work
31 and intentional purpose in life; and

32 WHEREAS, she is happily married to her husband of 15 years, Sammy, and is a devoted
33 mother to two children, Sebastian, and Katalina; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
35 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize and commend Veronica Maldonado-Torres and thank
38 her for her efforts of behalf of her community and state.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
41 Veronica Maldonado-Torres.