

House Resolution 12

By: Representatives Thomas of the 65th, Lim of the 98th, and Jackson of the 128th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging leadership in all of Georgia's counties who have reported citizens living in a tent, box,
2 sleeping bag, or other impromptu shelter as a permanent home solution to diligently work
3 with certain nonprofit award recipients to combat housing insecurity and homelessness; and
4 for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in negative economic impacts that have
6 left many Georgians to face housing insecurity or experience homelessness; and

7 WHEREAS, Governor Brian P. Kemp recently announced that he will distribute over
8 \$62 million in awards to nonprofit housing initiatives across Georgia focused on fighting
9 homelessness and housing insecurity; and

10 WHEREAS, a total of 20 projects will be provided funds from the American Rescue Plan
11 and the State Fiscal Recovery Fund for these awards; and

12 WHEREAS, projects receiving funds include organizations that provide construction of new
13 affordable housing, improvements to existing properties, and assistance for those
14 experiencing mental illness while homeless; and

15 WHEREAS, the grants will support these nonprofit organizations by providing them with
16 greater resources to combat housing insecurity and aid individuals experiencing
17 homelessness:

18 3Keys, Inc.
19 Advocates for Bartow's Children, Inc.
20 Athens Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
21 Atlanta Land Trust, Inc.
22 Decatur Housing Initiatives Corporation
23 Ebenezer Building Foundation, Inc.
24 Focused Community Strategies
25 Georgia Works, Inc.
26 Habitat for Humanity, Troup County, Inc.
27 Housing Economic Reinvestment Opportunities, Inc.
28 Houston County Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
29 Mercy Housing Southeast, Inc.
30 MicroLife Institute Inc.
31 Paladin, Inc. (Cherokee County)
32 Paladin, Inc. (Manchester City)
33 Quest Community Development Organization, Inc.
34 Resource Housing Group, Inc.
35 SUMMECH Community Development Corporation, Inc.
36 Tapestry Development Group, Inc.
37 West Georgia STAR, Inc.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body urge leadership in all of Georgia's counties who have reported
40 citizens living in a tent, box, sleeping bag, or other impromptu shelter as a permanent home

41 solution to diligently work with the nonprofit award recipients to create and implement
42 creative ways to combat homelessness and housing insecurity.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all people shall live in homes made with standard-grade
44 or better building materials.

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