

## House Resolution 1223

By: Representatives Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Schofield of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Kendrick of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Dickerson of the 113<sup>th</sup>, and Bazemore of the 63<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Atlanta Business League; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Business League (ABL) has a long and consistent record of service  
3 to the community and this state and has been recognized as one of the most dynamic and  
4 committed organizations in Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, formerly known as The Atlanta Colored Business League, this outstanding  
6 organization has had a tremendous impact on its community through its spirit of service and  
7 desire to support business owners, professionals, and community leaders in Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, ABL's member businesses represent 50 cities in Georgia and provide 260  
9 different products and services; and
- 10 WHEREAS, ABL has had exceptional leadership over the years, including Alice White  
11 Bussey, the first female president; Rhonda M. Brown, the first female board chair; and  
12 Thomas W. Dortch Jr., the only three-term board chair; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Jesse Blayton, the first black man to pass the CPA exam in Georgia, led the  
14 league under the name Black Chamber of Commerce and served as an officer in the National  
15 Negro Business League; and
- 16 WHEREAS, ABL has been dedicated to providing unparalleled service and support and  
17 remains steadfastly committed to Georgia's businesses and their leaders; and
- 18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this  
19 extraordinary organization be appropriately recognized.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body commend the Atlanta Business League for its many contributions

22 on behalf of the citizens of this state and extend sincere best wishes for future growth and  
23 success.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
26 Atlanta Business League.