

House Resolution 1427

By: Representatives Dreyer of the 59th, Nguyen of the 89th, Frye of the 118th, Park of the 101st, Gonzalez of the 117th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the contributions of immigrants who own businesses in
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, according to the American Immigration Council, 10 percent of Georgia's
4 population, or one million individuals, were born in another country as of 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, according to The Partnership for a New American Economy, Georgia's
6 immigrant population is the ninth largest in the country; and

7 WHEREAS, nearly one in seven workers in Georgia is an immigrant; and

8 WHEREAS, today, nearly one in five self-employed individuals or business owners in
9 Georgia is an immigrant; and

10 WHEREAS, there were 90,458 immigrant-owned businesses in Georgia as of 2015,
11 accounting for 18.3 percent of all self-employed Georgia residents; and

12 WHEREAS, more than 136,924 people in Georgia were employed at firms owned by
13 immigrants as of 2015; and

14 WHEREAS, according to The Kaufman Foundation, immigrants nationwide were almost
15 twice as likely to start a new business in 2015 than the native-born population; and

16 WHEREAS, self-employed immigrants and immigrant-owned businesses in Georgia
17 generated \$1.8 billion in business income as of 2015; and

18 WHEREAS, of the 22 Fortune 500 firms based in Georgia, nine had at least one founder who
19 was an immigrant or the child of an immigrant and those nine firms currently generate
20 \$207.6 billion in annual revenue while employing 864,644 people globally; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding achievements
22 of Georgia's immigrants.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend immigrants who own businesses in
25 Georgia for their contributions to the betterment of their families, their industries, their
26 communities, the great State of Georgia, and the United States of America.

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