

House Resolution 1608

By: Representatives Park of the 101st, Wilson of the 80th, Clark of the 108th, Holland of the 54th, McLaurin of the 51st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging all Georgians to participate in the 2020 Census to ensure a complete and
2 accurate count; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the United States has counted its population every ten years since 1790, as
4 mandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution; and

5 WHEREAS, the 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, direct hundreds
6 of billions of dollars in federal funding, and provide data that will impact communities in
7 Georgia and across the nation for the next decade; and

8 WHEREAS, complete and accurate census data will help ensure that resources for education,
9 health care, rural development, workforce training, housing, transportation, and other matters
10 are allocated fairly to support Georgians from all walks of life; and

11 WHEREAS, the 2020 Census seeks to count all people residing in the United States on
12 Census Day, which was April 1, 2020; and

13 WHEREAS, it is estimated that for every person who goes uncounted in Georgia, the state
14 will lose \$2,300 every year in funding for essential services such as education, health care,
15 and infrastructure projects to maintain roads and bridges; and

16 WHEREAS, the information collected through the 2020 Census is confidential and used for
17 statistical purposes only as the Bureau of the Census is prohibited from sharing any
18 personally identifiable information with any other government agency, including law
19 enforcement and courts of law, or any private entity, for any purpose; and

20 WHEREAS, a complete and accurate count of all people living in Georgia will lay a
21 foundation for a stronger and more prosperous future.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body encourage all Georgians to participate in the 2020 Census to ensure
24 a complete and accurate count.

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