

## House Resolution 206

By: Representatives Powell of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Tankersley of the 160<sup>th</sup>, Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, and Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Foreign Trade Zone; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, for the second straight year, the Georgia Foreign Trade Zone has been  
3 recognized by *Site Selection Magazine* as the best foreign trade zone in the nation; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Foreign Trade Zone was also a contributing factor in the  
5 magazine's selection of the State of Georgia as the best state for business for the sixth year  
6 running; and
- 7 WHEREAS, federally designated foreign trade zones boost the competitiveness of  
8 manufacturers across the United States by allowing them to defer or reduce tariffs on  
9 imported components until they are assembled and sold or re-exported as finished goods,  
10 making trade less costly and more predictable; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the Georgia Foreign Trade Zone was named best in the nation after a survey of  
12 more than 1,000 supply chain executives and site-selection consultants rated foreign trade  
13 zones on such factors as track record of success, assistance, ease of access to information,  
14 staff, and ability to cater to customers speaking different languages; and
- 15 WHEREAS, a national network of leading trade experts who work with the Georgia Foreign  
16 Trade Zone help keep businesses in the community well informed on shifts in trade policy  
17 and offer recommendations for maximizing their efficiencies and savings, thereby supporting  
18 job growth, wage growth, and productivity; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Georgia Foreign Trade Zone is recognized by its peers as one of the best  
20 managed trade zones in the world due to the exemplary leadership talents of CEO Julie  
21 Brown and Board Chairman Joe Bankoff; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this  
23 organization and its leaders be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize and commend the Georgia Foreign Trade Zone for its  
26 selection as the best foreign trade zone in the nation and extend sincere best wishes for  
27 continued success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Julie  
30 Brown, Joe Bankoff, and the Georgia Foreign Trade Zone.