

## House Resolution 54

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>, Gilliard of the 162<sup>nd</sup>, and Petrea of the 166<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Economic Developers Association on their efforts to improve the  
2 economic development climate of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia's rare combination of economic assets, including its robust  
4 infrastructure, strong workforce productivity, pro-business climate, renowned universities  
5 and technical colleges, QuickStart, competitive cost structure, and a well-known brand,  
6 create an environment in which businesses continue to thrive and succeed; and

7 WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2022, investments in expansions and new locations totaled more  
8 than \$21.2 billion, and 51,132 jobs were created in Georgia through 358 projects; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia has been ranked by several sources, including *Site Selection* for the last  
10 seven years and *Area Development* for the last six years, as the No. 1 state in the nation in  
11 which to do business; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) has been named  
13 the No. 1 "Best in Class" state-level economic development agency in the country, according  
14 to a survey of U.S. corporate executives and location advisors and continues to excel at a  
15 high-level of efficiency; and

16 WHEREAS, economic growth in Georgia encompasses numerous fields, from Fortune 500  
17 headquarters to agricultural development, from tourism and film production to  
18 entrepreneurial growth, and from international businesses to local expansions; and

19 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is committed to growing its economy by facilitating  
20 innovation and encouraging the success of small business and home-grown industry, as well  
21 as by attracting new businesses that will provide good jobs for our citizens; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia Senate and the Georgia Economic Developers Association work  
23 to maintain a strong business climate, to grow jobs, and to attract and encourage investment  
24 in and for Georgia.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body commend the Georgia Economic Developers Association and its  
27 members for the significant role they play in Georgia's economic growth and success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
30 Georgia Economic Developers Association.