

House Resolution 612

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Parrish of the 158th, Hitchens of the 161st, and Rogers of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the international representatives of the Georgia Department of Economic
2 Development; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia's extensive international reach and strong diplomatic and consular
4 presence have been instrumental in augmenting the state's economic growth and development
5 and, as a result, allowing the state to develop as a key participant in the global marketplace;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia is a leading state with which to do business, as its geographical location
8 provides companies with the resources to succeed nationally and internationally; and

9 WHEREAS, the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is the world's busiest and
10 most efficient passenger airport, and the Port of Savannah remains the largest container
11 terminal in North America, the second busiest port in the nation, and the fastest growing port
12 in the country; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2016, Georgia's total trade with the world exceeded \$121 billion in goods,
14 making the state a leader in global trade, and Georgia remains the eleventh largest exporting
15 state in the nation, with more than 14,500 Georgia businesses exporting \$35.5 billion in
16 goods to 214 global markets; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia has representation in 11 strategic international markets, including
18 Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Europe, Israel, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and the
19 United Kingdom and Ireland; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia's international presence in these markets plays a significant role in
21 global trade, with 67 percent of exports and 78 percent of total trade occurring in markets
22 where Georgia has representation; and

23 WHEREAS, Georgia's international economic development representatives showcase
24 Georgia's top-rated business environments world wide, promote the state's industries abroad,
25 and strengthen the state's international partnerships; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these distinguished individuals be
27 appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize the international representatives of the Georgia
30 Department of Economic Development for their contributions to the State of Georgia.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 international representatives of the Georgia Department of Economic Development.