

House Resolution 614

By: Representative Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores as well as its members and  
2 employees as essential to the communities they serve and commending them for their  
3 contributions to Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, incorporated in 1973, the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores (GACS)  
5 has since represented the convenience store industry for 50 years and actively advocated for  
6 the industry, contributing to the economic health of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, GACS represents more than 2,000 convenience stores across Georgia as well  
8 as thousands of businesses that supply and support convenience stores; and

9 WHEREAS, GACS offers educational opportunities to members, who benefit from both  
10 knowledge circulation, especially during times of emergency, and topics that help them  
11 succeed and comply with underage sales restrictions; as well as providing members access  
12 to programs and services to support and strengthen their businesses and training efforts; and

13 WHEREAS, GACS engages with state regulatory agencies to foster compliance with rules  
14 and regulations that govern elements of the industry, including fuel, food, and age restricted  
15 products; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2019, the American Society of Association Executives awarded GACS the  
17 Power of A Award, the association industry's highest honor, recognizing GACS'  
18 contributions in the fight against trafficking; and

19 WHEREAS, since 2003, the GACS Education Foundation has provided more than \$300,000  
20 in scholarships; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2017, the GACS Young Professionals group was formed to grow and  
22 develop the skills necessary to lead and succeed in the industry; and

23 WHEREAS, after 50 years, GACS has female leadership with Lynn Watson of Aden's Minit  
24 Markets serving as chairwoman; Mary Stacy serving as chairwoman of the Supplier  
25 Committee; Haley Bower of Clipper Petroleum serving as the Legislative Committee  
26 chairwoman; and Angela Holland, CAE, serving as the president.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body recognize the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores as the  
29 foremost leader of the Georgia convenience store industry entrusted to advance the  
30 convenience store business in service to Georgia's consumers and their communities.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body commend the Georgia  
32 Association of Convenience Stores for its dedication and support of convenience stores'  
33 contribution to the economy of the state.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
36 Georgia Association of Convenience Stores.