

## Senate Resolution 1095

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Jones of the 25th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Ginn of the 47th, Shafer of the 48th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Bartow County Chamber of Commerce for its 125th  
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Bartow County Chamber of Commerce is a member-based organization  
4 with a vision to advance the most prosperous business environment in the region; and

5 WHEREAS, the chamber's mission is to be the catalyst for the business community by  
6 serving as its advocate, by promoting education and strategic economic growth, and by  
7 providing programs and services that enhance the quality of life for the entire community;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Bartow County has welcomed several businesses to its community throughout  
10 its 125 years of existence, including American Textile Company Mill, Shaw Industries, and  
11 Goodyear; and

12 WHEREAS, in the 1940's the chamber helped to bring operations of the Allatoona Dam and  
13 Plant Bowen into the county; and

14 WHEREAS, member businesses benefit from networking, referrals, business development,  
15 advertising opportunities, and a multitude of other services that are offered through  
16 membership; the chamber encourages its members to be active and participate in programs  
17 of interest; and

18 WHEREAS, the chamber board of directors is comprised of 21 chamber members elected  
19 by the general membership, all focused on serving member business interests on many levels;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the first charter for the Bartow County Chamber of Commerce was issued by  
22 the Bartow Superior Court on July 13, 1889; those petitioning the creation of the chamber

23 at that time were J.A. Stover, E. Strickland, R.G. Mays, W.C. Baker, J.P. Jones, R.W.  
24 Satterfield, and J.R. Wikle; and

25 WHEREAS, the first female United States Senator, Rebecca Felton, was once a member of  
26 the Bartow County Chamber of Commerce; and

27 WHEREAS, Cartersville-Bartow County is a vibrant, business-friendly community with  
28 excellent educational opportunities and an outstanding quality of life, with state of the art  
29 museums and library facilities, top-flight resorts, and recreational areas; and

30 WHEREAS, in the 1970's and 1980's, the chamber lobbied for the four-lane expansion of  
31 Highway 41, completion of Interstate 75, and the downtown railroad overpass, improving  
32 transportation for the Cartersville community; and

33 WHEREAS, in 1987, the chamber was instrumental in bringing Chattahoochee Technical  
34 College to Bartow County, and the county is now home to an additional educational  
35 institution, Georgia Highlands College; and

36 WHEREAS, in 2013, the chamber worked to bring two large projects to Bartow County,  
37 Voestalpine, an Austrian auto parts supplier, and the Lake Point Sports Complex, a \$2 billion  
38 endeavor.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
40 recognize and commend the Bartow County Chamber of Commerce for its 125th anniversary  
41 and express their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
43 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Bartow County Chamber of  
44 Commerce.