

Senate Resolution 315

By: Senators Esteves of the 6th, Rahman of the 5th, Merritt of the 9th, Islam of the 7th, Harrell of the 40th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending GALEO upon the occasion of their 20th anniversary; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, GALEO was founded in 2003 in Atlanta, Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, for 20 years, GALEO's mission has been to increase civic engagement and
5 leadership development of the Latino/Hispanic community in Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, GALEO has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the important
7 roles that they have played in leadership and their commitment to the welfare of the citizens
8 of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, due to GALEO's efforts, the GALEO Institute for Leadership program has
10 become a flagship leadership development institution for the Latino and immigrant
11 communities in Georgia, equipping nearly 1,000 community members with the skills to serve
12 their community; and

13 WHEREAS, the GALEO Institute for Leadership program has also expanded to include
14 more minority communities throughout Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, GALEO Institute for Leadership's student program has expanded to include
16 several colleges and universities such as Georgia State University, Dalton State College, the
17 University of North Georgia, and Columbus State University; and

18 WHEREAS, despite the pandemic, GALEO Institute for Leadership was able to graduate its
19 biggest cohort in 19 years virtually; and

20 WHEREAS, GALEO's dedication to civic engagement has been shown in their efforts to
21 register voters and promote vaccinations in our communities by attending vaccine drives and
22 tabling events; sending over 200,000 texts; making nearly 6,000 phone calls; and
23 encouraging community members to get the COVID-19 vaccine; and

24 WHEREAS, in the past five years, GALEO's civic engagement team has knocked on over
25 70,000 doors and assisted nearly 2,500 people to register to vote; and

26 WHEREAS, GALEO made over one million contacts for Get Out The Vote efforts in 2022
27 alone; and

28 WHEREAS, GALEO is active in the community by participating in local food distribution
29 and assisting at community events and park clean-up days.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 congratulate and commend GALEO upon the remarkable occasion of their 20th anniversary
32 and their continued work in the community.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to GALEO.