

Senate Resolution 813

By: Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th and others

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Greater Georgia Black Chamber of Commerce; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Greater Georgia Black Chamber of Commerce (GGBCC) has a long and  
3 consistent record of service to the community and this state and has been recognized as one  
4 of the most dynamic and committed civic organizations in Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, this outstanding alliance has had a tremendous impact on its community  
6 through its spirit of service and desire to improve quality of life in Georgia, specifically for  
7 African Americans, women, veterans, disabled citizens, minority groups, and small  
8 businesses; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Melinda Calais Sylvester is the current president of the GGBCC, which has  
10 advocated in the great State of Georgia for over 20 years and is the only alliance to contract  
11 over \$1 billion for black businesses; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Shelley "Butch" Anthony III is the GGBCC Person of the Year, and Jesus  
13 & Butch Inc. and This is It! BBQ & Seafood have both been named GGBCC Business of the  
14 Year; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the GGBCC Chairman's Award recipient is Attorney Willie Gary, the "Giant  
16 Killer"; and the GGBCC Entertainer Award recipient is Ms. Dottie Peoples; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the Greater Georgia Black Chamber of Commerce has been dedicated to  
18 providing unparalleled service and support for businesses and remains steadfastly committed  
19 to the principles of skill, integrity, and responsibility; and
- 20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
21 extraordinary organization be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 commend the Greater Georgia Black Chamber of Commerce and extend best wishes for  
24 future success.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Greater  
27 Georgia Black Chamber of Commerce.