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House Resolution 1038

By: Representative Marin of the 96th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ivan Shammas; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ivan Shammas is a Latinx professional with over 25 years of regional, national,
- 3 and international management and relationship experience in media, telecommunications,
- 4 and marketing; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he is a bilingual and bicultural media executive experienced in leading premier
- 6 Spanish-language television stations that provide award-winning local news and
- 7 programming to the expansive Latinx population; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was part of the original team that helped launch Univision Atlanta WUVG
- 9 34 as a full power television station in the State of Georgia in 2001; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 2013, he moved to Telemundo Atlanta WKTB 47 as the general manager
- 11 where he led and transformed a traditional television station into a first-class multimedia
- 12 company providing content, production, advertising, digital solutions, and Hispanic
- 13 engagement; and

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14 WHEREAS, in 2022, he returned to his original broadcast television roots when he was hired

- as the President and general manager of Univision Atlanta to oversee and be responsible for
- all station activities including local and national advertising sales, local news, marketing, and
- 17 community affairs; and
- 18 WHEREAS, his proven track record of success and growth is evident through the various
- 19 roles he has held at Univision including account manager, director of sales, general manager,
- 20 president, and regional chief revenue officer, and under the recently formed
- 21 TelevisaUnivision, Inc., a United States Spanish-language broadcasting company, his role
- 22 was expanded to be the regional chief revenue officer, tasked with overseeing all revenue for
- 23 Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, and the Carolinas; and
- 24 WHEREAS, in addition to his professional activities, he is very involved with his
- 25 community, serving on the boards of numerous charitable organizations such as the YMCA
- of Metro Atlanta, the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Atlanta Community
- 27 Food Bank, and Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School, among many others; and
- 28 WHEREAS, his multiple accolades include being recognized by Atlanta Magazine for the
- 29 fourth year in a row as one of their 2024 Atlanta 500 Most Powerful Leaders, as one of *The*
- 30 Atlanta Business Chronicle's Power 100, and as one of Georgia Trend Magazine's 100 Most
- 31 Influential People; being a recipient of the Atlanta Falcons Hispanic Heritage Leadership
- 32 Award presented by the NFL and the Hispanic Heritage Foundation and Georgia Hispanic
- 33 Chamber 50 Most Influential Latino Hall of Fame inductee; and receiving A Captain of
- 34 Industry Award from the Caribbean American Cultural Arts Foundation; and
- 35 WHEREAS, he currently resides in Brookhaven with his wife and three children; and

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36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this

- 37 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.
- 38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 39 the members of this body recognize and commend Ivan Shammas and thank him for his
- 40 many contributions to his community and state.
- 41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ivan
- 43 Shammas.