

## House Resolution 1250

By: Representatives Mosby of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, and Oliver of the 82<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the 80th anniversary of the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce and recognizing all  
2 that they do in order to support, attract, and sustain business and economic development  
3 within DeKalb County and metro Atlanta; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in 1938, the DeKalb Chamber, known as the DeKalb County Chamber of  
5 Agriculture and Commerce, was established in order to support local dairy farms; and

6 WHEREAS, for 80 years, the DeKalb Chamber and its board of directors, members,  
7 community partners, staff, and key stakeholders have worked collectively in order to create  
8 a pro-business environment within DeKalb County; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1955, the county leaders hired their first professional manager, who served  
10 as the face of local leadership for the chamber, created a unified voice for businesses, and  
11 worked to attract fresh commerce to DeKalb County; and

12 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Chamber spearheaded educational efforts centered around the need  
13 for a hospital, leading to the opening of DeKalb Medical Center on May 1, 1961; and

14 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Chamber played an integral role in DeKalb College's transition into  
15 Georgia Perimeter College and established EduKalb in 2010, which is an independent  
16 organization led by concerned community and business leaders to train school board  
17 candidates, drive community awareness, and ultimately endorse quality candidates; and

18 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Chamber appointed Katerina Taylor to serve as the chamber's first  
19 female president and CEO in 2014, leading the way for a more progressive and relevant  
20 organization; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2017, the DeKalb Chamber gathered support from its members in order to  
22 inform the community on the importance of the DeKalb County SPLOST, which passed with

23 overwhelming support from voters and which will help generate \$636 million over a period  
24 of six years to fund infrastructure, public safety, and other needs; and

25 WHEREAS, in 2018, the DeKalb Chamber named Brenda Reid, the Media and Community  
26 Relations Manager at Publix Super Markets, as the chair of the board of directors, and she  
27 will provide leadership and guidance and further advance the chamber's mission; and

28 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Day at the state capitol  
29 on February 20, 2018, in the historic halls of the Georgia State Capitol so that all DeKalb  
30 Chamber board members, staff, and partners may have the opportunity to meet their local  
31 representatives.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body celebrate the 80th anniversary of the DeKalb Chamber of  
34 Commerce and recognize all that they do in order to support, attract, and sustain business and  
35 economic development within DeKalb County and metro Atlanta.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
38 DeKalb Chamber of Commerce.