

House Resolution 318

By: Representatives Reese of the 140th, Beverly of the 143rd, Mitchell of the 88th, Hugley of the 141st, and Sampson of the 153rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 27, 2023, as Black Commerce Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Black Commerce Day celebrates the importance and significance of Black
4 businesses and Black commerce associations to our local communities, state, and national
5 economy; and

6 WHEREAS, Black business owners account for 10 percent of all businesses in the United
7 States and about 30 percent of all minority-owned businesses; more than 300,000 Black
8 businesses operate in the State of Georgia, which employ more than 9,000 workers; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia has the second most Black-owned businesses per capita in the country
10 with 1.68 percent of its workforce employed at Black-owned businesses, ranking fifth
11 nationally; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia ranks amongst the top 10 best places for Black businesses to operate
13 in the nation with numerous incubator programs, entrepreneurship networking resources, and
14 funding opportunities targeted at under-represented entrepreneurs; and

15 WHEREAS, 40 percent of Black-owned businesses are in health care and social services,
16 repair and maintenance, marketing and advertising, sales, and professional and consulting
17 services; and

18 WHEREAS, the Georgia Coalition of Black Chambers is a nonprofit group led by a plethora
19 of organizations across the entire state that are focused on business, community, and
20 government initiatives dedicated to supporting the economic growth and development of
21 historically under-served sectors within the twelve regional areas of Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, each of these organizations is dedicated to providing collaborative leadership
23 and advocacy that gives way to transformational access and opportunities for the
24 advancement of Black businesses throughout the State of Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable day be appropriately
26 honored.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize February 27, 2023, as Black Commerce Day at the state
29 capitol.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 public and the press.