

House Resolution 453

By: Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, and Hilton of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Alpharetta Chamber of Commerce upon its 10th anniversary; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Alpharetta is home to just under 70,000 people with a daytime increase in
4 population to approximately 135,000 people (almost double) due to the growing and vibrant
5 business community it enjoys; and

6 WHEREAS, Alpharetta is known for the outstanding quality of life it provides its citizens
7 and is widely recognized as the 5th largest city in Georgia and the No. 1 best city in which
8 to live, work, play, and raise a family with top-rated schools and top notch hospitals; and

9 WHEREAS, in January 2013, the Alpharetta Chamber was established by a small group of
10 business professionals to meet a perceived need to network and connect local Alpharetta
11 businesses and encourage them to do business with each other; and

12 WHEREAS, the founding members included Penn Hodge, Fergal Brady, Dan Merkel, Hans
13 Appen, Janet Rogers, Kimberly Matherly, Nancy Bristol, Brian Patton, Jason Binder, Grant
14 Schmeelk, Eric Carter, and Allison Kloster; and

15 WHEREAS, the Alpharetta Chamber of Commerce today serves as a catalyst for economic
16 development and is the leading organization advocating and promoting business growth in
17 the City of Alpharetta and surrounding areas; and

18 WHEREAS, the Alpharetta Chamber is composed of almost 500 members from a variety of
19 backgrounds who work together to provide Alpharetta and the State of Georgia with the best
20 business climate; and

21 WHEREAS, the Alpharetta area includes Fortune 500 companies and more than 700
22 technology companies; it is best known as the "Technology City of the South" with one of
23 the most robust fiber and power infrastructure networks in the southeast; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the Alpharetta Chamber of Commerce
25 receive the recognition of this body.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend the Alpharetta Chamber of Commerce upon the grand
28 occasion of its 10th anniversary and extend best wishes for continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 Alpharetta Chamber of Commerce.