

## Senate Resolution 172

By: Senators Carter of the 1st, Shafer of the 48th, Hill of the 32nd, Ginn of the 47th, Staton of the 18th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Aerospace Industry for its significant beneficial  
2 impact on the people and economy of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Georgia is a world leader in aerospace as this state is home to more than 500  
4 companies employing more than 84,000 Georgians; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Delta Air Lines is the world's second largest airline with headquarters in Atlanta  
6 and half of its 60,000 member workforce located in Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Gulfstream Aerospace employs more than 7,000 highly skilled workers in  
8 Savannah and Brunswick, and Lockheed Martin employs approximately 7,000 workers at  
9 its Marietta plant; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Thrush and Maule operate aircraft manufacturing facilities in Albany and  
11 Moultrie, respectively, while companies throughout this state manufacture key components  
12 for major aircraft engine programs throughout the world; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Georgia's aerospace industry is a world leader in aerospace exports; between  
14 2002 and 2011, the value of Georgia's aerospace exports grew a remarkable 838 percent to  
15 over \$5.75 billion in 2011 (increasing over 30 percent just between 2010 and 2011), ranking  
16 Georgia fourth among U.S. states; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to the world's busiest airport, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta  
18 International Airport, where aviation activities and transportation hubs contribute to the  
19 employment of 471,175 people and \$62.6 billion in statewide total economic impact; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Georgia aerospace is a leader in the maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO),  
21 of military and civil aircraft engines and equipment and is home to the largest MRO facility

22 in the U.S. (Delta TechOps) and one of the world's largest military MRO facilities (Warner  
23 Robins Air Logistics Complex); and

24 WHEREAS, Georgia offers world class aerospace education programs and is a leader in  
25 research and development through public and private universities conducting over \$60  
26 million in specialized aerospace research and over \$500 million in general engineering  
27 research annually; and

28 WHEREAS, Georgia's aerospace industry, academia, and state and local governments are  
29 collaborating to make Georgia a leader in the rapidly expanding unmanned aerial vehicles  
30 market, projected to exceed \$10 billion annually by 2021, by working with the Federal  
31 Aviation Administration to develop the technologies and systems required to integrate  
32 unmanned aerial vehicles into the National Air Space System.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 recognize the importance of the Georgia Aerospace Industry to the State of Georgia, support  
35 efforts to maintain and strengthen the industry, and help to foster its continued growth within  
36 the State of Georgia for the benefit of all Georgians.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Aerospace Advisory Council  
39 of the Georgia Center of Innovation for Aerospace.