

## Senate Resolution 611

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Rhett of the 33rd, Tippins of the 37th and Thompson of the 14th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Juan Violantes for his outstanding community involvement;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Juan Violantes has been a Georgia resident since 1991; the son of immigrants,  
4 he has significantly contributed to his community through his entrepreneurship and  
5 philanthropy; and

6 WHEREAS, he received degrees from both Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia, and  
7 is the owner of J.V. Drywall, Inc., and Giovanni's Italian Restaurant, a local favorite in  
8 Austell, Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, Giovanni's Restaurant has become a cornerstone in the community, where Juan  
10 supports the local police department and hosts events to foster better relationships between  
11 the community and its police officers to make them stronger and safer; and

12 WHEREAS, after persevering through his own hardships, Juan founded the Giovanni's  
13 Children Foundation to help poor families with children in Georgia, El Salvador, and the  
14 Philippines; and

15 WHEREAS, his awards include the Don Quixote National Award by El Salvador in 2017,  
16 nominations for Person of the Year in 2016 and 2018 by the Gwinnett Chamber of  
17 Commerce and the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and Man of the Year by the South  
18 Cobb Business Association in 2016 for his dedication to his business and to serving others;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, he is actively involved in many civic organizations, including the Cobb  
21 Chamber of Commerce, the South Cobb Business Association, and the Georgia Hispanic  
22 Chamber of Commerce, among others; and

23 WHEREAS, in recognition of his distinguished community service, it is abundantly fitting  
24 and proper to honor Juan Violantes for dedicating his life to the service of others and the  
25 betterment of his community.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 recognize and commend Juan Violantes for his outstanding community involvement.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Juan Violantes.