

Senate Resolution 746

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Anderson of the 24th, Kennedy of the 18th, Walker III of the 20th, Gooch of the 51st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the State of Georgia's film industry and associated businesses;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, according to Georgia Department of Labor data, businesses with fewer than 500
4 employees account for 99.8 percent of businesses in Georgia, and 1.6 million Georgians are
5 employed by small businesses in sectors such as manufacturing, retail, arts, hospitality, and
6 film production; and

7 WHEREAS, thousands of small businesses are behind the State of Georgia's distinction as
8 a premier location for filming as each production filmed in the state contracts with many
9 small businesses, from construction to food services to transportation logistics; and

10 WHEREAS, the film industry recently recorded a blockbuster year in Georgia, and during
11 Fiscal Year 2021, the industry set a new record with \$4 billion in direct spending, with much
12 of that going to local small businesses; and

13 WHEREAS, founded in 2014 and representing a major portion of the thousands of
14 hard-working citizens and small business owners in the State of Georgia's film and television
15 industry who do not receive the film tax incentive, the Georgia Studio & Infrastructure

16 Alliance is an independent, nonprofit organization with the mission to be a collaborative
17 voice for Georgia's studios and communicate, educate, and advocate for the long-term
18 sustainability of the film and television industry in this state; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Studio & Infrastructure Alliance works in collaboration with the
20 Georgia Department of Economic Development to cultivate stories for its website, Georgia
21 FilmWorks, which serves to highlight and share success stories; and

22 WHEREAS, launched in 2020, the book *#WeAreGaFilm* was created by the Georgia Studio
23 & Infrastructure Alliance to let Georgians tell their own stories of having opportunities for
24 employment and work for their small businesses in the film industry in their hometowns
25 around this state; and

26 WHEREAS, Georgia's film industry provides a unique opportunity for a diverse range of
27 small businesses to grow and thrive, providing opportunities for all Georgians around the
28 state and helping to strengthen Georgia's reputation as the top state for business and the best
29 place to live, work, and raise a family.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend the State of Georgia's film industry and the many small businesses
32 that support it and extend best wishes for continued success and prosperity.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
35 press.