

Senate Resolution 611

By: Senators Stokes of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th, James of the 35th, Scott of the 36th, Thomas of the 2nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Welcoming King Goodwill Zwelithini; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, His Majesty, King Goodwill Zwelithini, was born on July 27, 1948, in
3 Nongoma, South Africa, and is a direct descendent of King Senzangakhona, the father of
4 King Shaka, who has been identified by experts as being one of the world's military legends,
5 a strategist, a nation builder, an unflappable and charismatic leader and founder of the Zulu
6 nation; and

7 WHEREAS, on December 3, 1971, King Goodwill Zwelithini was formally crowned as the
8 king and has ruled as king since that time; and

9 WHEREAS, King Goodwill Zwelithini is widely respected as a ruler with the common touch
10 and is the constitutional monarch of the Kingdom of KwaZulu-Natal and rules over millions
11 of persons of Zulu heritage; and

12 WHEREAS, as the custodian of Zulu traditions and customs, he has revived cultural
13 functions and promoted respect for other cultures among the diverse populations living in
14 KwaZulu-Natal; and

15 WHEREAS, King Goodwill Zwelithini has supported educational leaders in their quest to
16 improve the quality of education for the Zulu nation; and

17 WHEREAS, King Goodwill Zwelithini is leading a cultural and trade delegation to Georgia
18 to promote tourism, economic development, education, and cultural exchange between his
19 citizens and those of the great State of Georgia.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 welcome King Goodwill Zwelithini to Georgia and express a sincere hope that His Majesty's
22 visit is valuable, productive, and enjoyable.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to King Goodwill Zwelithini.