

## House Resolution 405

By: Representatives Holland of the 157<sup>th</sup> and Teper of the 61<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 To commemorate the occasion of the United States Citizenship of Miss Alina Valerie Poston,  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Miss Alina Valerie Poston is one of the newest citizens of the United States of  
4 America having accomplished this momentous event on this date of February 27, 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, Alina, as she is known by her family and friends, was born March 6, 2000, in  
6 Almaty, Republic of Kazakstan; and

7 WHEREAS, she is the daughter of a former respected member of this house, State  
8 Representative McCracken (Ken) Poston (1989-1997) and his wife, Alison Vaughn Poston,  
9 and is the sister of McCracken Vaughn (Mac) Poston; and

10 WHEREAS, this wonderful family came together as a result of a remarkable series of events  
11 including the independence of Alina's homeland and the subsequent freedoms enjoyed by  
12 the people of that country to interchange with the world community and share the blessings  
13 of liberty; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative and Ms. Poston traveled around the world to the Republic of  
15 Kazakstan in the year 2000 to become the forever parents of Alina and her brother Mac; and

16 WHEREAS, after the Postons spent many difficult weeks in the Republic of Kazakstan  
17 learning about that country and learning to know their new daughter, the authorities of that  
18 county on behalf of its noble people joined Alina and her family together through the  
19 adoption laws of that nation; and

20 WHEREAS, Alina arrived in the United States on December 14, 2000, and celebrated her  
21 first Christmas at her new home in Ringgold, Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, thereafter she has been welcomed and loved by her new family and friends and  
2 the extended family of her father Ken in this House, including Representatives Ray Holland  
3 and Doug Teper and former Representative Ron Fennel; and

4 WHEREAS, Alina is a lovely and high spirited young lady who is full of laughter and very  
5 animated and expresses great love and affection for her father Ken, her mother Alison, her  
6 brother Mac, and her new home; and

7 WHEREAS, this most remarkable young lady, through the love and epic efforts of her  
8 parents, Ken and Alison, to search over the entire world to find her, the laws and freedoms  
9 of both her native and her new country, and the guidance of the Almighty, has this day  
10 forever become a part of the United States of America and the State of Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this House commemorates this notable  
12 occasion.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
14 it expresses its highest congratulations to Miss Alina Valerie Poston upon the occasion of her  
15 becoming a citizen of the United States of America, welcomes her as one of the newest  
16 citizens of our country and the State of Georgia, and wishes to her and her family many years  
17 of happiness and success.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Miss Alina Valerie Poston.