

House Resolution 1244

By: Representatives Mobley of the 58th, Thomas of the 43rd, Post 1, Mangham of the 62nd, Brooks of the 47th, and Beasley-Teague of the 48th, Post 2

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Honorable Joe Keshi, Consul-General of Nigeria, and recognizing "Africa
2 Day" at the capitol on February 20, 2004; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the continent of Africa is composed of 52 distinct countries with rich histories
4 and unique cultures, languages, and customs that are treasured by their people; and

5 WHEREAS, many of Georgia's current residents were born in Africa or can proudly trace
6 their family genealogy back to African ancestors; and

7 WHEREAS, the members of the Georgia House of Representatives appreciate the presence,
8 productivity, and substantial constitutions of Georgia's residents of African heritage; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia acknowledges the rich cultural diversity among the people
10 of Africa and recognizes their significant economic and educational contributions; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia is most fortunate to have the Honorable Joe Keshi, Consul-General of
12 the Federal Republic of Nigeria, reside in Atlanta for he was formerly the Director of Trade
13 and Investment in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and provides vast experience; and

14 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the leadership and good will offered by Honorable
15 Joe Keshi, Consul-General of Nigeria, to acknowledge the many contributions of the
16 Association of Concerned Africans for improved international relations, and to formally
17 recognize February 20, 2004, as Africa Day at the capitol.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body commend Honorable Joe Keshi, Consul-General of Nigeria, on his
20 last term of service while in the office of Counsul-General and recognize February 20, 2004,
21 as Africa Day at the capitol.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Honorable Joe Keshi,
- 3 Consul-General of Nigeria, and to the Association of Concerned Africans.