

House Resolution 1337

By: Representatives Mobley of the 58th, Watson of the 60th, Post 2, and Mangham of the 62nd

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 "Africa Day" at the capitol; and invite the Honorable Joe Keshi to appear before the House
2 of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House.

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