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House Resolution 447

By: Representatives Mangham of the 94th, Stephenson of the 92nd, and Watson of the 91st

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Africa Society of The National Summit on Africa, its Georgia members,
- 2 member organizations, and NSA related providers; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Africa Society is a direct outgrowth of The National Summit on
- 4 Africa which has as its mission to educate all Americans about Africa and its people, to build
- 5 bridges of understanding and partnership, and to facilitate Africa's social development and
- 6 political transition to more open and democratic societies; and
- 7 WHEREAS, this national nonprofit, nonpartisan, and diverse organization focuses on
- 8 U.S.-African relations in the 21st century, advocates on behalf of Africa, and provides a
- 9 forum for building knowledge about the 54 distinct nations of Africa with their extraordinary
- 10 richness, diversity, and uniqueness; and
- WHEREAS, this organization has established highly successful programs in such areas as
- 12 education, information and culture, legislative advocacy and constituency mobilization and
- 13 research, analysis and dissemination, has sponsored policy forums and seminars on Africa,
- and has provided a speaker's forum featuring African leaders; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Georgia Africa Society hosted the first in a series of regional conferences
- in 1998 and represented the state at the national conference in Washington, D.C., in May
- 17 2002 which set forth "The National Policy Plan of Action."
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 19 the members of this body commend the Africa Society of The National Summit on Africa,
- 20 its Georgia members, member organizations, and GSA/NSA related providers for their
- 21 efforts to promote understanding of and partnership with the nations of Africa and recognize
- 22 March 15, 2005, as "Africa Society of The National Summit on Africa Recognition Day in
- 23 Georgia."

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized

- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Africa Society
- 3 of The National Summit on Africa.