

Senate Resolution 578

By: Senator Fort of the 39th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Africa World Museum and Center and the Bridging the Gap and Building  
2 the Bridge Conference; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Bridging the Gap and Building the Bridge Conference will be held in  
4 Atlanta, Georgia, from October 25 to October 28, 2007, with the mission of initiating a  
5 profound dialogue between the nations of Africa and members of the African diaspora in the  
6 United States and throughout the world; and

7 WHEREAS, this ambitious event is being coordinated by the Africa Heritage Foundation and  
8 the Africa World Museum and Center through the pioneering leadership of Chief Tunde  
9 Adetunji, CEO and president of the Africa World Museum and Center; and

10 WHEREAS, the Africa World Museum and Center opened its doors in 1996, the same year  
11 that Atlanta welcomed the nations of the world to celebrate the Centennial Olympics, and  
12 since that time, the Africa World Museum and Center has been committed to the vision of  
13 the City of Atlanta as a route to global participation in the Southeastern United States; and

14 WHEREAS, the Africa World Museum and Center strives to develop new economic  
15 highways between the City of Atlanta and the various nations of Africa and to promote  
16 Africa as a continent of possibilities; and

17 WHEREAS, Atlanta is the proud home of several consulates from African nations, including  
18 Liberia, Nigeria, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Tanzania, as well as sister city relationships  
19 with Lagos, Nigeria, and Cotonou, Benin; and

20 WHEREAS, the African community in the Atlanta area numbers well over 40,000 residents  
21 who contribute vastly to the city's international economic, academic, and cultural exchange;  
22 and

1 WHEREAS, the Bridging the Gap and Building the Bridge Conference has the potential to  
2 significantly raise awareness about Africa and create new opportunities for cultural and  
3 economic exchange between the State of Georgia and the various nations of Africa.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
5 recognize the Bridging the Gap and Building the Bridge Conference, commend Chief Tunde  
6 Adetunji for his immense wisdom and diligence in facilitating Georgia's increased  
7 participation in global affairs, and extend to Chief Tunde Adetunji and the Africa World  
8 Museum and Center their sincerest best wishes for the future.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Africa World Museum and Center.