

## House Resolution 978

By: Representatives Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup> and Morgan of the 39<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Caribbean Americans on the occasion of Caribbean American  
2 Heritage Month; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, emigration from the Caribbean region to the American Colonies began as early  
4 as 1619, and since that time millions of people have come from the Caribbean region to the  
5 United States; and

6 WHEREAS, the people of the Caribbean, as well as Caribbean Americans, faced the many  
7 obstacles and hardships of slavery and had to struggle for their freedom; and

8 WHEREAS, there have been many famous and influential Caribbean Americans in the  
9 history of the United States, and Caribbean Americans have contributed greatly to education,  
10 fine arts, business, literature, journalism, sports, fashion, politics, government, the military,  
11 science, technology, and many other areas positively affecting the lives of citizens in this  
12 state; and

13 WHEREAS, Caribbean Americans have played an active role in the civil rights movement  
14 and the labor movement and continue to make important contributions to social and political  
15 issues facing Georgia and our nation; and

16 WHEREAS, June has been recognized by the United States Congress as Caribbean American  
17 Heritage Month, and it is only fitting and proper that these great citizens and this outstanding  
18 culture be appropriately recognized and in their honor ceremonies, celebrations, and other  
19 activities should be held.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body hereby recognize Caribbean Americans on the occasion of the 2007  
22 Caribbean American Heritage Month to be held in June and commend them for their many  
23 contributions to the State of Georgia and to the United States.

- 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 Caribbean
- 3 American Coalition, Inc.