

House Resolution 1424

By: Representative Manning of the 32<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending His Excellency Luis Gallegos, Ecuador's Ambassador to the  
2 United States, and inviting him to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, His Excellency Luis Gallegos, Ecuador's Ambassador to the United States, is  
5 an internationally renowned, award-winning disability rights advocate; and

6 WHEREAS, Ambassador Gallegos is the former Chair of the United Nations Ad Hoc  
7 Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and  
8 Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities; and

9 WHEREAS, Ambassador Gallegos received the Franklin Delano Roosevelt International  
10 Disability Award on behalf of Ecuador; and

11 WHEREAS, he was awarded the American Association of Persons with Disabilities Justice  
12 for All Award; and

13 WHEREAS, Ambassador Gallegos was appointed Ecuador's Ambassador to the United  
14 States on October 1, 2005, and, prior to this position, he was Ecuador's Permanent  
15 Representative to the United Nations since 2002; and

16 WHEREAS, Ambassador Gallegos is the chairperson of G3ict, the global initiative for  
17 inclusive information and communications technology which is the flagship advocacy  
18 initiative of the United Nations Global Alliance for Information and Communications  
19 Technology and Development, located in Atlanta, Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, Ambassador Gallegos is in Atlanta to speak at the 10th anniversary of Disability  
21 Day at the Capitol on Thursday February 21, 2008, and will speak to 2,000 individuals with  
22 disabilities, family members, providers, and advocates on the steps of the capitol; and

1 WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives recognizes the needs of persons with  
2 disabilities and is working to unlock the waiting list.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
4 the members of this body join together to recognize Ambassador Luis Gallegos, commend  
5 him for his outstanding work, and invite him to appear before this body at a date and time  
6 designated by the Speaker of the House for the purposes of being recognized by the House  
7 and receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution.