

House Resolution 1494

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, Bryant of the 160<sup>th</sup>, and Freeman of the 140<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing cultural, economic, and educational cooperation with the Federal Republic of  
2 Germany; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there is a bond of friendship between the citizens of Georgia and Germany, and  
4 the people of Georgia welcome opportunities to grow our already deep relationship at all  
5 levels including cultural, academic, and business; and

6 WHEREAS, Atlanta and all of Georgia are honored to serve as the home of the consulate of  
7 the Federal Republic of Germany; and

8 WHEREAS, Delta Air Lines and Lufthansa offer nonstop flights between Georgia and  
9 Germany; and

10 WHEREAS, sister city relationships exist between Atlanta and Nuremberg, Bayern, and  
11 Marietta and Linz am Rhein, Rheinland – Pfalz; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud that over 350 German companies have operations in Georgia;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, many other Georgia colleges and universities also have ties with Germany,  
15 among them the University of Georgia, Emory University, the Georgia Institute of  
16 Technology, Georgia Southern University, and Georgia State University; and

17 WHEREAS, Germany is a top destination for Georgia exports, totaling over \$1.1 billion in  
18 2007, with top exports including transportation equipment, miscellaneous manufactured  
19 commodities, non-electrical machinery, computer and electronic products, and chemicals;  
20 and

1 WHEREAS, Georgia imported over \$4.5 billion in goods from Germany in 2007 through the  
2 Savannah Customs District, with top imports including industrial machinery, vehicles,  
3 optical and medical products and surgical instruments, electric machinery, and  
4 pharmaceutical products; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud to be home to the German American Chamber of Commerce  
6 of the Southern United States, the Goethe-Zentrum German Cultural Center, the German  
7 School of Atlanta, and the German Church Atlanta; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud to be home to several honored German-American friendship  
9 organizations, including Business Stammtisch, Kaffeeklatsch, Atlanta Saengerkreis,  
10 Deutscher Freundschaftsclub, The German Wine Society, German-American Club, Klub  
11 Heimatland, German Heritage Society, and the German Friendly Society of Savannah; and

12 WHEREAS, Germany is the sixth largest capital investor in Georgia with a cumulative FDI  
13 investment in 2006 of over \$1.6 billion.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
15 the members of this body hereby recognize the special friendship between Georgia and the  
16 Federal Republic of Germany and express our appreciation to his Excellency, Lutz Gorgens,  
17 the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, for his efforts to promote peace and  
18 grow commercial, cultural, and educational ties between our two nations.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to his Excellency, Lutz  
21 Gorgens.