

House Resolution 1741

By: Representatives Mangham of the 94th, Brooks of the 63rd, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Heard of the 114th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 18, 2010, as Africa Diaspora Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the continent of Africa is made up of 53 distinct countries with roots that spread
4 throughout the islands of the Caribbean; and

5 WHEREAS, there are many Georgia residents who were born in Africa or the Caribbean or
6 who have families from Africa or the Caribbean; and

7 WHEREAS, the African and Caribbean communities of Georgia have contributed positively
8 to the economic, social, and political well-being of this state; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and the members of the General Assembly appreciate the
10 presence, productivity, and many contributions of Georgia's residents of African and
11 Caribbean birth and lineage; and

12 WHEREAS, the people of African and Caribbean descent have a rich cultural heritage and
13 have greatly contributed to the economic, cultural, and social well-being of this state; and

14 WHEREAS, many of Georgia's African and Caribbean based organizations have made a
15 positive impact on the lives of Georgia's residents by organizing international health fairs,
16 legal forums, earthquake relief efforts, youth soccer events, scholarships, and individual and
17 global business mentoring programs; and

18 WHEREAS, members of the Georgia Consular Corps representing the African and
19 Caribbean nations of the Bahamas, Barbados, Botswana, Jamaica, Liberia, Mali, the
20 Republic of Nigeria, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Tanzania continue to encourage global
21 trading success and positive community involvement by participating in Africa Diaspora Day
22 at the Georgia State Capitol.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize March 18, 2010, as Africa Diaspora Day at the state
25 capitol in honor of the many cultural, political, economic, and social ties between Georgia
26 and the nations and people of Africa and the Caribbean.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the consular representatives
29 of the Bahamas, Barbados, Botswana, Jamaica, Liberia, Mali, the Republic of Nigeria, São
30 Tomé and Príncipe, and Tanzania.