

Senate Resolution 1313

By: Senators James of the 35th, Jones of the 10th and Fort of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, Africa, being the cradle of world civilization, is made up of 62 distinct
4 countries, is the world's second-largest and second most-populous continent, and the most
5 multilingual continent in the world; and

6 WHEREAS, the African Diaspora is the movement of Africans and their descendants to
7 places throughout the world, predominantly to the Americas, then later to Europe, the Middle
8 East, and other places around the globe, including the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, many of the traditions we celebrate and practice in the United States originate
10 from the peoples of the Continent of Africa; and

11 WHEREAS, there are many current Georgia residents who were born in Africa or are of
12 African descent; and

13 WHEREAS, the African community has contributed positively to the economic, social, and
14 political well-being of the State of Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly appreciate the presence, productivity,
16 and many contributions of those residents of African birth and lineage; and

17 WHEREAS, each year, Judge Barbara Mobley and the Coalition of Concerned Africans,
18 Inc., organize international health fairs, legal forums, and Saturday youth mentoring
19 programs which celebrate the unity and positively impact the lives of Georgia residents of
20 the African Diaspora; and

21 WHEREAS, the efforts of Judge Mobley and the Coalition of Concerned Africans encourage
22 positive community involvement and enhance cultural understanding of and between citizens
23 of the African Diaspora.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize the rich cultural tapestry of the peoples of Africa, commend the economic
26 contributions and diversity of the African people, and seek to build positive relationships
27 with the countries and people of Africa and the people of African descent who reside in
28 Georgia through Africa Diaspora Day at the state capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to members of the public and the press.