

House Resolution 507

By: Representative Burkhalter of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Honorable Martin Rickerd, British Consul General; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Consul General Martin Rickerd joined the British Diplomatic Service in 1972,
4 and throughout his career he has served at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in
5 London, with the United Kingdom Delegation to NATO in Belgium and New Zealand, and
6 as Deputy Chief of Staff to a Minister in the FCO in Barbados and the Eastern Carribean and
7 assisted in press and political work at the British Consulate in Milan, Italy; and

8 WHEREAS, in the early 1990's, Consul General Rickerd served as the head of the FCO's
9 International Energy section, followed by a position as a section head in the South East Asia
10 Department; and

11 WHEREAS, from 1995 to 1998, he served as Head of Chancery at the British High
12 Commission in Singapore, and after returning to London to work at Standard Chartered Bank
13 for two years, he was assigned to Deputy Head of Mission and Consul at the British
14 Embassy; and

15 WHEREAS, his excellent service to Britain has been recognized with an appointment as a
16 Member of the Royal Victorian Order in 1985 and an Officer of the Most Excellent Order
17 of the British Empire in 2004; and

18 WHEREAS, Consul General Rickerd has served as Britain's Consul General in Atlanta,
19 Georgia, since 2005; and

20 WHEREAS, Consul General Rickerd has been united in love and marriage to his wife
21 Charmain since 1976 and he has been blessed with two remarkable sons, Alex and Stewart;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the outstanding service and prestigious achievements of this distinguished
24 gentleman are worthy of recognition.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend Consul General Martin Rickerd for his dedicated service
27 to the United Kingdom and extend to him sincerest best wishes for continued success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Consul General Martin
30 Rickerd.