

## House Resolution 975

By: Representatives Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Mangham of the 94<sup>th</sup>, and Heard of the 114<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Africa World Museum and Center and the Bridging the Gap and Building  
2 the Bridge Conference; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Bridging the Gap and Building the Bridge Conference was held in Atlanta,  
4 Georgia, from October 25 to October 28, 2007, with the mission of initiating a profound  
5 dialogue between the nations of Africa and members of the African diaspora in the United  
6 States and throughout the world; and

7 WHEREAS, this ambitious event was coordinated by the Africa Heritage Foundation and  
8 the Africa World Museum and Center through the pioneering leadership of Chief Tunde  
9 Adetunji, CEO and president of the Africa World Museum and Center; and

10 WHEREAS, on July 28 through August 1, 2009, the U.S.A. - Africa Conference and Expo  
11 "Africa on the Horizon" Nigeria: A Case Study, will be held in Abuja, Nigeria, officiated by  
12 the Africa Union Commission and hosted by the federal government of Nigeria and the  
13 Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials and other partners will lead a delegation from  
14 Georgia to the Expo; and

15 WHEREAS, the Africa World Museum and Center opened its doors in 1996, the same year  
16 that Atlanta welcomed the nations of the world to celebrate the Centennial Olympics, and  
17 since that time, the Africa World Museum and Center has been committed to the vision of  
18 the City of Atlanta as a route to global participation in the Southeastern United States; and

19 WHEREAS, the Africa World Museum and Center strives to develop new economic  
20 highways between the City of Atlanta and the various nations of Africa and to promote  
21 Africa as a continent of possibilities; and

22 WHEREAS, Atlanta is the proud home of several consulates from African nations, including  
23 Liberia, Nigeria, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Tanzania, as well as sister city relationships  
24 with Lagos, Nigeria, and Cotonou, Benin; and

25 WHEREAS, the African community in the Atlanta area numbers well over 40,000 residents  
26 who contribute vastly to the city's international economic, academic, and cultural exchange;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, the Bridging the Gap and Building the Bridge Conference significantly raised  
29 awareness about Africa and created new opportunities for cultural and economic exchange  
30 between the State of Georgia and the various nations of Africa.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize the Bridging the Gap and Building the Bridge  
33 Conference, commend Chief Tunde Adetunji for his immense wisdom and diligence in  
34 facilitating Georgia's increased participation in global affairs, and extend to Chief Tunde  
35 Adetunji and the Africa World Museum and Center their sincerest best wishes for the future.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Africa World Museum  
38 and Center.