

Senate Resolution 1011

By: Senator James of the 35th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sonje Yo, Inc., and Ambassador Esai Ambo; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sonje Yo, Inc., is a nonprofit, nonpartisan human rights organization with a  
4 mission to reduce the human suffering of the world's most vulnerable groups by providing  
5 the tools and resources needed to increase self-sufficiency; and

6 WHEREAS, Sonje Yo implements targeted, cost-effective agricultural development  
7 programs that improve the lives of vulnerable groups and collaborate with a wide range of  
8 organizations to design and implement humanitarian relief and development aid programs  
9 for communities affected by natural disasters; and

10 WHEREAS, its name originates from a Haitian Creole term, which means "remember them,"  
11 and Sonje Yo envisions ending human trafficking in Haiti by the year 2020 by providing  
12 needed resources for basic education and training and empowering the agricultural industry  
13 of the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, founded by Ambassador Esai Ambo in 2005, Sonje Yo's headquarters are  
15 located in Atlanta, Georgia, with a second office in Port-au-Prince, Haiti; and

16 WHEREAS, a native of Mare-Rouge, Haiti, Ambassador Ambo immigrated from Haiti as  
17 a teenager to join his father in the United States, carrying with him a passion to help the  
18 people of Haiti, and became a human rights advocate and member of Amnesty International;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, a superior court ambassador for the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia,  
21 Ambassador Ambo returns to Haiti to rescue, promote, and protect human rights, stop human  
22 trafficking through education and training, and implement a universal declaration of human  
23 rights; and

24 WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body recognize and celebrate the contributions of  
25 Ambassador Ambo's Sonje Yo, an organization that has demonstrated outstanding  
26 commitment to protecting individuals and securing basic human rights for all.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 commend the vision and foresight of Ambassador Esai Ambo and recognize the dedicated  
29 humanitarian efforts of his amazing organization, Sonje Yo, Inc.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ambassador Esai Ambo.