

House Resolution 619

By: Representatives Golick of the 34th, Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 46th, O'Neal of the 146th, Lindsey of the 54th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret and condolences to Japan and her people and inviting the Consul General
2 of Japan, Honorable Takuji Hanatani, to appear before the House of Representatives; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the nation of Japan and her people have recently suffered a natural catastrophe
5 of the highest magnitude which inflicted death, injuries, and destruction of an unprecedented
6 nature and scope; and

7 WHEREAS, people throughout the world have looked on the images of this tragedy with
8 shock, grief, and sadness, but also with tremendous admiration for the courage, tenacity, and
9 resourcefulness with which the people of Japan are responding; and

10 WHEREAS, Atlanta and all of Georgia are honored to serve as the home of the consulate of
11 Japan, which covers the five states of Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and
12 Virginia; and

13 WHEREAS, Consul General Takuji Hanatani has received great international acclamation
14 for his leadership and experience in building and improving diplomatic relationships between
15 Japan and the United States and other countries around the world.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the Consul General is hereby invited to appear before the House of Representatives, at a date
18 and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House, for purposes of receiving expressions of
19 Georgia's solidarity with the Japanese people in this time of trouble as they both grieve and
20 carry on the work of recovering and rebuilding their nation.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Consul General of
23 Japan, Honorable Takuji Hanatani.