

Senate Resolution 501

By: Senators James of the 35th, Davenport of the 44th, Jackson of the 2nd, Butler of the 55th and Seay of the 34th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Africa Heritage Foundation and His Excellency Jean Ping;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the United States and the State of Georgia seek to strengthen and foster stronger
4 equitable partnerships with African professionals, institutions, and communities; and

5 WHEREAS, it is important to promote opportunities for international exchange, training,
6 research, technology, knowledge transfer, information sharing, and arts and culture between
7 the United States and Africa; and

8 WHEREAS, the Africa Heritage Foundation has worked relentlessly since the 1996 Olympic
9 Games to bridge the gap between the United States and Africa through the establishment of
10 Atlanta, Georgia, as a gateway city between these two nations; and

11 WHEREAS, the Africa Heritage Foundation has held numerous projects and programs to
12 connect the United States and Africa, including its USAFRICA economic conference and
13 expo, Africa Day celebration, Africa World Museum, the Celebrate Africa Exhibition,
14 African Heritage Radio and Television, Africa World Travel and Tours, and the African
15 Heritage Library and Educational program with Historical Black Colleges and Universities;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the Africa Heritage Foundation will host AU Chairperson His Excellency Jean
18 Ping in Atlanta from April 16-18, 2011, where he will deliver a keynote address on Africa
19 at Morehouse College and pay tribute to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and Coretta Scott
20 King; and

21 WHEREAS, this visit will promote economic and cultural relations between Georgia and
22 Africa and help establish Atlanta as the epicenter and gateway of opportunity between the
23 United States and Africa; and

24 WHEREAS, a continent with many possibilities, Africa has a rich cultural tapestry, with
25 economic contributions and diversity; and

26 WHEREAS, the visit by His Excellency Jean Ping serves as an opportunity to promote
27 respect and support for the development of Africa and recognize the important cultural ties
28 between the United States and Africa.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend the work of the Africa Heritage Foundation to connect the United States and
31 Africa and welcome His Excellency Jean Ping to the State of Georgia.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to His Excellency Jean Ping and the Africa
34 Heritage Foundation.