

## House Resolution 1761

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the recovery and rebuilding efforts of Japan and her people; and for other  
2 purposes.

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

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

9 WHEREAS, an estimated 19,000 lives were lost due to the devastating tsunami a year ago  
10 which caused the biggest nuclear crisis in Dai-Ichi Fukushima, Japan; and

11 WHEREAS, although the people of Japan continue to rebuild and clean up debris, they are  
12 hopeful because of the bonds made with each other which have given them optimism to  
13 reclaim their lives despite their losses; and

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

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

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body commend Japan and her people for the hope they carry after such

22 a devastating event, recognize the efforts needed to restore what was lost, and express  
23 solidarity in their recovery and rebuilding efforts.

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