

Senate Resolution 9

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of Economic Development to promote and strengthen mutually
2 beneficial ties with African nations; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it is in the economic interest of this state to promote and strengthen mutually
4 beneficial ties with nations of Africa.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
6 urge the Department of Economic Development, to the extent authorized by law and subject
7 to available funds, to:

8 (1) Promote the State of Georgia and the Atlanta area as the gateway for business with
9 Africa;

10 (2) Work in collaboration with the Africa Heritage Foundation in order to successfully
11 execute the underlying objectives endorsed by the Africa Heritage Foundation and the Africa
12 Union Commission;

13 (3) Promote, encourage, and facilitate the location of African consulates general in
14 Georgia and the Atlanta area;

15 (4) Develop a partnership with historically black colleges to promote and create
16 international studies programs, study abroad programs, and student exchange programs;

17 (5) Promote the port of Savannah as the main center for cargo shipment of goods
18 between Africa and the United States;

19 (6) Promote Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport as the main center for air passenger
20 and cargo services between Africa and the United States;

21 (7) Encourage the Africa Village that represents 54 nations of Africa to locate in
22 Georgia;

23 (8) Encourage the Africa Heritage Diaspora Radio and TV headquarters to locate in
24 Georgia;

25 (9) Encourage and support the establishment of the Africa Heritage Foundation Institute
26 of Oceanography and Marine Research in collaboration with the Georgia Ports Authority and
27 Savannah State University;

28 (10) Encourage and support the establishment of the Africa Heritage Foundation's
29 Institute of Ethics Leadership to provide human resources and related training in cooperation
30 with the University System of Georgia for all of the 55 African nations;

31 (11) Encourage and support the establishment of the Africa Heritage Foundation's
32 headquarters, titled the 'Africa House,' in the vicinity of the Centennial Olympic Park to
33 house diaspora tourism and cultural programs for all of the 55 African nations as well as to
34 serve as the headquarters of the foundation's global operations and its USAFRICA
35 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE;

36 (12) Encourage and support the establishment of the Africa Heritage Foundation's
37 headquarters for the purpose of making the city of Atlanta and the State of Georgia the
38 international headquarters of the foundation chapters in all the 55 nations of Africa and the
39 Diaspora, including Brazil, Australia, and the Caribbean as well as the proposed chapters of
40 the Foundation in all the 50 states in the United States;

41 (13) Encourage and support the establishment of the Africa Heritage Foundation Institute
42 of African Nations Science and Technology to be located in the State of Georgia and work
43 in collaboration and partnership with Georgia Institute of Technology;

44 (14) Encourage and support the launching of a monthly 'Africa Open for Business' forum
45 and related networking, job creation, and investment opportunities;

46 (15) Establish or promote the establishment of an African world museum and center in
47 the Atlanta area;

48 (16) Establish or promote the establishment of an African heritage world cultural and
49 tourism festival to take place annually in Georgia to promote cultural diversity and tourism;

50 (17) Establish or promote the establishment of one or more African heritage research
51 institutes in Georgia;

52 (18) Establish or promote the establishment of one or more African heritage foundations,
53 chambers of commerce, economic conferences, and expositions in Georgia;

54 (19) Establish or promote the establishment of one or more African food culture festivals
55 in Georgia;

56 (20) Generally promote economic development for Africa and the State of Georgia;

57 (21) Promote the education and training of doctors and other health care professionals
58 to provide modern health care and facilities in Africa and Georgia; and

59 (22) Train and educate legislators about the policy making process in Africa and
60 America.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
62 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the commissioner of economic
63 development.