

House Resolution 705

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56th and Brooks of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing March 9, 2013, as Ghana Independence Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia is now home to a large and growing population of Ghanaians, both
3 native born and of continental origins; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the anniversary of Ghana's independence is extremely important not only in the
5 Ghanaian community, but also in the African Diaspora as a whole; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Ghanaians received independence from British rule on March 6, 1957, marking
7 the end of colonialism in the country; and
- 8 WHEREAS, upon achieving independence, Kwame Nkrumah became Ghana's first prime
9 minister; and
- 10 WHEREAS, 2013 will commemorate the 56th anniversary of Ghana's independence; and
- 11 WHEREAS, American connections to Ghana run deep; it is the origin place of Harriet
12 Tubman's ancestors as well as the African home of W.E.B. Dubois; and
- 13 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this historically significant country, with
14 a burgeoning economy and wonderful traditions and culture, be appropriately recognized.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body recognize March 9, 2013, as Ghana Independence Day in Georgia.
- 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the President of the Ghana
19 Council of Georgia.