

House Resolution 845

By: Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Brooks of the 55th, Anderson of the 92nd, Williams of the 168th, Smith of the 125th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting that the United States Congress promote and strengthen mutually beneficial
2 security ties with home based combatant commands as a method to reduce the overall costs
3 of defense spending; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, it is in the economic interest of the State of Georgia to promote and strengthen
5 its role in national defense and its mutually beneficial ties with nations of Africa.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body request that the United States Congress:

- 8 (1) Authorize and direct the relocation of the United States Africa Command from
9 Vaihingen, Germany, to Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia, in order to synchronize
10 economic efforts that promote the Atlanta area as the gateway for 55 countries in Africa;
- 11 (2) Promote, encourage, and facilitate the location of African consulates general in
12 Georgia and the Atlanta area;
- 13 (3) Promote and develop partnerships between the United States Department of State and
14 historically black colleges in the Atlanta area in order to promote and create international
15 studies programs, study abroad programs, and student exchange programs;
- 16 (4) Support the promotion of the Port of Savannah as the main center of cargo shipment
17 of goods between Africa and the United States;
- 18 (5) Promote Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport as the main center for air passenger
19 and cargo services between Africa and the United States;
- 20 (6) Encourage the Africa Village, which represents 54 nations of Africa, and the Africa
21 Heritage Diaspora Radio and TV headquarters to locate in Georgia;
- 22 (7) Promote the training and education of defense leadership and legislators about the
23 policy-making process in Africa and America; and
- 24 (8) Recognize that the United States Africa Command is unique among the combatant
25 commands in the requirement for many senior civilian staff exchanges between other
26 federal agencies located in the regional federal center in the Atlanta area, and the relocation

27 of this command to the Atlanta area will reduce federal civilian employee costs
28 permanently.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the congressional delegation
31 from Georgia and the United States Secretary of Defense.