

## Senate Resolution 762

By: Senators James of the 35th and Davenport of the 44th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Nelson Mandela and recognizing December 15, 2014, as  
2 MADIBA Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela was born on July 18, 1918, in Mveso, Transkei, South Africa;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mandela joined the African National Congress in 1942 and over the course of  
6 20 years, he directed a campaign of peaceful, nonviolent defiance against the South African  
7 government's racist policies; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1963, Mandela was sentenced to imprisonment for life for his political  
9 advocacy, ultimately being incarcerated for 27 years of his life; and

10 WHEREAS, Mandela's release was finally granted on February 11, 1990, in response to  
11 growing local and international pressure, and he was subsequently elected president of the  
12 African National Congress; and

13 WHEREAS, Mandela became the first black president of South Africa in 1994, serving until  
14 1999; and

15 WHEREAS, he was a symbol of global peacemaking, winning the Nobel Peace Prize in  
16 1993; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1999, Mandela commemorated Celebrate Africa Journey Through the Ages  
18 Exhibition that was inaugurated in his honor by the Africa Heritage Foundation (AHF)  
19 during the first-ever All Africa Games at the Tsutsumani Village, Johannesburg; and

20 WHEREAS, the same Celebrate Africa Journey Through the Ages Exhibition, also featured  
21 during the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta by the AHF, has now become the symbol

22 of Nelson Mandela's doctrine on global unity that binds indigenous, intimate, and distant  
23 Africans and the global community together.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 honor the life and memory of Nelson Mandela and recognize December 15, 2014, as  
26 MADIBA Day at the state capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Africa Heritage Foundation.