

House Resolution 1327

By: Representatives Parrish of the 158th and Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing cultural, economic, and educational cooperation with Hungary and recognizing
2 February 1, 2014, as Hungary Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there is a bond of friendship between the citizens of Georgia and Hungary, and
4 the people of Georgia welcome opportunities to grow our already deep relationship at all
5 levels, including cultural, academic, and business; and

6 WHEREAS, more than 20 years ago, on May 29, 1989, the Hungarian government in
7 Budapest ordered the dismantling of the 150 mile long fence along the Austrian border,
8 resulting in the first visible crack in the Iron Curtain; and

9 WHEREAS, on September 11, 1989, Hungary formally opened its borders, thereby igniting
10 free emigration by citizens from behind the Iron Curtain to countries of Western
11 democracies; and

12 WHEREAS, weeks after the Austrian border of Hungary was opened, the Berlin Wall fell,
13 the Velvet Revolution took place in Prague, the people of Romania deposed a brutal dictator
14 during a bloody revolution, and the Soviet Union fell; and

15 WHEREAS, most nations of the former Soviet Bloc chose a democratic way of life, making
16 it possible for Hungary, the Czech Republic, and Poland to join NATO ten years later; and

17 WHEREAS, today Hungary and most of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe are
18 faithful allies of the United States and proud members of the European Union; and

19 WHEREAS, this resolution will cement the already close and friendly connections between
20 the State of Georgia and Hungary and will further promote business and cultural ties between
21 our state and Hungary.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES the
23 members of this body hereby recognize the special friendship between the State of Georgia
24 and Hungary and recognize February 1, 2014, as Hungary Day at the state capitol.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appreciation is expressed to His Excellency Ambassador
26 Dr. György Szapáry for his efforts to promote peace and grow commercial, cultural, and
27 educational ties between our two nations.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ambassador Dr. György
30 Szapáry.