

House Resolution 1947

By: Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Riley of the 50th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Stephens of the 164th, Ramsey of the 72nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Kenichiro Sasae, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan
3 to the United States of America, is visiting Georgia for the first time since his appointment
4 as Ambassador of Japan; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Ambassador Sasae's visit underscores the important role Georgia plays in the
6 partnership between the United States and Japan, one of the most important allies and largest
7 trading partners of the United States; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the relationship between Georgia and Japan extends more than 40 years, with
9 Georgia's establishment of a Trade Office in Tokyo in 1973 and the opening of the Consulate
10 General of Japan in Atlanta in 1974; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in that time, Georgia and Japan's economic partnership has grown enormously,
12 partly thanks to the public and private sectors in both Japan and Georgia through the
13 Southeastern US-Japan Conference; and
- 14 WHEREAS, trade is currently nearly \$6 billion in import and export trade, and there are 570
15 Japanese company affiliated offices now located in Georgia, employing more than 30,000
16 people; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in the spirit of Southern hospitality, Georgia has played a vital role in
18 welcoming Japanese people and culture to the United States, and this state now has a sister
19 state relationship with Kagoshima Prefecture and ten sister city relationships with cities in
20 Japan.
- 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize and commend Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae and his

23 continued efforts to strengthen and enrich international ties between the United States and
24 Japan.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ambassador Kenichiro
27 Sasae.