

House Resolution 677

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 20, 2015, as Dr. Walter Rodney Day in the State of Georgia and
2 commending the Walter Rodney Foundation and the 12th Annual Walter Rodney
3 Symposium; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Walter Anthony Rodney was a scholar, historian, educator, Pan-Africanist,
5 and political activist who is recognized as one of the Caribbean's most brilliant minds and
6 whose words resonated in Africa, the Caribbean, Europe, and North America; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Rodney's major works illustrated his duality as an intellectual and activist
8 as he challenged prevailing assumptions about African history and put forth his own models
9 for analyzing the history of oppressed peoples; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Rodney's ability to combine his scholarship with activism enabled him to
11 become a voice for the under-represented and disenfranchised; and

12 WHEREAS, the Walter Rodney Foundation seeks to preserve, advance, and utilize Dr.
13 Rodney's legacy to improve lives and build capacity through scholarship and programs that
14 promote education, health, and human development from a social justice perspective; and

15 WHEREAS, an annual Walter Rodney Symposium is held in Atlanta, Georgia, during the
16 week of his birthday, March 23, to bring together scholars, researchers, activists, students,
17 and the community to discuss contemporary issues from a Rodney perspective; and

18 WHEREAS, this year, the 12th Annual Walter Rodney Symposium, entitled *Hungry Nation,*
19 *Hungry World: Engendering Healthy Sustainable Food Systems*, provides a forum to analyze
20 and propose solutions for access to adequate, nutritious, safe, and culturally appropriate food.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize March 20, 2015, as Dr. Walter Rodney Day in the State

23 of Georgia and commend the Walter Rodney Foundation and the 12th Annual Walter
24 Rodney Symposium for continuing to discuss global issues impacting communities in this
25 state.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
28 members of the public and the press.