

Senate Resolution 553

By: Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd and Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Ambassador Geoffrey Teneilabe; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ambassador Geoffrey Teneilabe, a career diplomat, is the Ambassador and
3 Consul-General of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Atlanta, Georgia, which has
4 jurisdiction over 17 Southeastern states; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Ambassador Teneilabe earned his Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications
6 and his Master's Degree in International Law and Diplomacy from the University of Lagos
7 in Nigeria, and he is a pioneer graduate of Nigeria's Foreign Service Academy; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he is a member of the Institute of International Affairs in Lagos and was named
9 for the Gambian National Honours; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he served as Senior Special Assistant on International Relations and Audience
11 to the Vice President and President of Nigeria before he became Consul-General in Atlanta,
12 Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he served as Special Assistant to the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sule
14 Lamido, who is now Governor of Jigawa State, and to the former Chairman of Nigeria's
15 ruling political party, Dr. Ahmadu Ali; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Ambassador Teneilabe held several important positions in the Nigerian Foreign
17 Service and served in various departments of the ministry, including Administration,
18 Inspectorate, Public Relations and Culture, Multi-lateral Economic Cooperation, Trade and
19 Investment, and Policy Planning; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he served in many different capacities on Nigeria's diplomatic missions in
21 Athens, Greece; Bonn, Germany; Seoul, South Korea; and Banjul, Gambia, where he served
22 as Acting High Commissioner for more than five years; and

23 WHEREAS, Geoffrey Teneilabe was appointed Ambassador by President Goodluck
24 Jonathan in May, 2012.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend Ambassador Geoffrey Teneilabe and extend to him their most sincere best wishes
27 for continued success and happiness.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ambassador
30 Geoffrey Teneilabe.