

Senate Resolution 1107

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Harbison of the 15th, Thompson of the 5th, Jackson of the 2nd, Jones II of the 22nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the many contributions Caribbean Americans have made to the State of
2 Georgia and recognizing March 11, 2016, as Caribbean American Legislative Day at the
3 state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Caribbean Americans are committed workers, investors, and consumers who
5 contribute to the improvement and economic success of the United States, and their impact
6 extends from farms in Florida to corporate board rooms in New York; and

7 WHEREAS, people of Caribbean American heritage have made significant political and
8 military contributions to the United States for more than 240 years, including Alexander
9 Hamilton, who was born in the Caribbean and was a founding father and Chief Staff Aide
10 to George Washington, and Crispus Attucks, the first person to sacrifice his life for the
11 freedom of the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, Caribbean Americans take great pride in sharing their culture through music,
13 and they created musical genres, such as reggae, reggaeton, salsa, and the melodic steel pan
14 music, which have had an influence on mainstream American music; and

15 WHEREAS, Caribbean Americans Kerry Washington, Sidney Poitier, Madge Sinclair, Harry
16 Belafonte, Sheryl Lee Ralph, and Al Roker, among others, entertain the world through
17 television, stage, and screen and are examples of outstanding public figures who have
18 significantly impacted millions of individuals; and

19 WHEREAS, the United States Representative for California's 13th congressional district,
20 Barbara Lee, created Caribbean Heritage Month in June, 2006, based on the belief that, by
21 opening its doors to immigrants, the United States gave foreigners an opportunity to pursue
22 their dreams, utilize their intellectual gifts, and hone their skills in a way that has made a
23 substantial and positive difference to the nation, themselves, and their children.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend Caribbean Americans for the many contributions they have made to the State of
26 Georgia and the United States and recognize March 11, 2016, as Caribbean American
27 Legislative Day at the state capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Caribbean
30 American Chamber of Commerce of Georgia, Inc., the Caribbean Association of Georgia,
31 Inc., and the Caribbean Council of Presidents of Georgia.