

Senate Resolution 1218

By: Senators James of the 35th, Jackson of the 2nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Rhett of the 33rd, Parent of the 42nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 22, 2016, as Africa Diaspora Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Africa, being the cradle of world civilization, is made up of 62 distinct
4 countries, is the world's second-largest and second most-populous continent, and the most
5 multilingual continent in the world; and

6 WHEREAS, Zambia, the Congo, Cameroon, South Africa, Kenya, Ghana, the Ivory Coast,
7 Gambia, Liberia, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Uganda are the countries showcasing their
8 rich cultures during the 2016 Africa Diaspora Day; and

9 WHEREAS, the African Diaspora is the movement of Africans and their descendants to
10 places throughout the world, predominantly to the Americas, then later to Europe, the Middle
11 East, and other places around the globe, including the State of Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, many of the traditions we celebrate and practice in the United States originate
13 from the peoples of the Continent of Africa; and

14 WHEREAS, there are many current Georgia residents who were born in Africa or are of
15 African descent; and

16 WHEREAS, the African community has contributed positively to the economic, social, and
17 political well-being of the State of Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly appreciate the presence, productivity,
19 and many contributions of those residents of African birth and lineage; and

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize the rich cultural tapestry of the peoples of Africa, commend the economic
22 contributions and diversity of the African people, and seek to build positive relationships
23 with the countries and people of Africa and the people of African descent who reside in
24 Georgia through Africa Diaspora Day at the state capitol.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
27 press.