

Senate Resolution 137

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Parent of the 42nd, Sims of the 12th, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 7, 2017, as New Americans Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 7, 2017, the state capitol will be visited by over 200 new Americans,
4 along with friends and community supporters, for a day of education; and

5 WHEREAS, March 7, 2017, will mark the third annual United States Citizenship and
6 Immigration Services naturalization ceremony in the state capitol, welcoming new citizens
7 to Georgia's ranks; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to nearly one million immigrants, who contribute to Georgia's
9 unique culture and increasingly diverse population; and

10 WHEREAS, nearly 7.5 percent of Georgia voters are new Americans; and

11 WHEREAS, 15 percent of Georgia business owners are foreign-born, and contributed \$2.9
12 billion to Georgia's economy between 2006 and 2010; and

13 WHEREAS, Georgia is a welcoming home for people from all walks of life and origins.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
15 recognize March 7, 2017, as New Americans Day at the state capitol.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
17 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and press.