

Senate Resolution 562

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Offot Ukwa Association (USA), Inc., and recognizing May 27, 2017, as
2 Offot Ukwa Association Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Offot Ukwa Association (USA), Inc., was organized in 2011 through the
4 efforts of United States citizens of Offot Ukwa descent of Akwa Ibom State in Nigeria; and

5 WHEREAS, the Offot Ukwa Association (USA), Inc., was formed to support the well-being
6 and progress of members within their community and their new country of citizenship; and

7 WHEREAS, the association meets regularly to frame out purposes in line with its mission;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, each year since its founding, the members gather in a chosen city to celebrate
10 their culture, progress, and successes, while supporting each other toward creating a robust,
11 productive citizenry; and

12 WHEREAS, this year, the association will gather in Atlanta, Georgia, over the Memorial
13 Day weekend, May 25-28, 2017, in furtherance of their mission and the influx of members
14 to the city will support area tourism, providing a direct and positive economic impact; and

15 WHEREAS, the association selects local organizations to volunteer with during their annual
16 conventions and this year, the association has selected the Nicholas House and Books for
17 Africa; and

18 WHEREAS, other outreach works of the association include holding health seminars,
19 providing youth empowerment opportunities to increase mentorship and create paths to
20 success for youth members, the donation of more than 23,000 books to primary and
21 secondary schools in the Offot Ukwa community, the renovation and rehabilitation of the

22 outpatient department at St. Luke's Hospital in Anua, Nigeria, and organizing cultural
23 exchange visits between the United States and Nigeria, among others; and

24 WHEREAS, the association has shown by its actions and good works during its short few
25 years of existence that it is a significant asset to our broader community, providing leadership
26 and funding projects that have greatly benefited the community it selects for its convention
27 and its citizens, as well as people around the world.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend the Offot Ukwa Association (USA), Inc., on its efforts in providing support to the
30 U.S. citizens of Offot Ukwa descent and recognize May 27, 2017, as Offot Ukwa Association
31 Day.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Offot Ukwa
34 Association (USA), Inc.