

House Resolution 824

By: Representative Efstration of the 104<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ambassador Haris Lalacos; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ambassador Haris Lalacos has long been recognized by the world for his vital  
3 role in leadership and his deep personal commitment to maintaining positive international  
4 relations; and

5 WHEREAS, Ambassador Lalacos, the Greek Ambassador to the United States, is visiting  
6 the great State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, his visit is evidence of the important role Georgia plays in the partnership  
8 between the United States and Greece; and

9 WHEREAS, born in Athens, Greece, on May 2, 1957, Ambassador Lalacos pursued his  
10 postsecondary education in the United States, earning a degree in History from Amherst  
11 College and a master's degree in International Relations from the John Hopkins University;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, after graduating, he served as a guardian of Greece's freedom and liberty with  
14 the Hellenic Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow citizens for two years;  
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16 WHEREAS, upon leaving the Navy, Ambassador Lalacos held various positions with the  
17 Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens, Greece; and

18 WHEREAS, his hard work and dedication were recognized by his employers and peers,  
19 allowing him the opportunity to serve in several leadership capacities, such as Consul at the  
20 Consulate General of Greece in Sydney, the First Secretary with the Embassy of Greece in  
21 Ankara, Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs, the Deputy Head of the Diplomatic

22 Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and eventually, Greece's Ambassador to the  
23 United States; and

24 WHEREAS, Ambassador Lalacos' significant organizational and leadership talents, his  
25 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs  
26 of both Greece and the United States have earned him the respect and admiration of his  
27 colleagues and constituents; and

28 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
29 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding achievements  
31 and contributions of this remarkable and distinguished gentleman.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize and commend Ambassador Haris Lalacos and his  
34 continued efforts to strengthen and enrich international ties between the United States and  
35 Greece.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
38 Ambassador Haris Lalacos.