

Senate Resolution 97

By: Senators Martin of the 9th, Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Ginn of the 47th, Miller of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 14, 2019, as New Americans Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 14, 2019, more than 300 new Americans, friends, and community
4 supporters will visit the state capitol for a day of education and celebration; and

5 WHEREAS, February 14, 2019, will mark the fifth annual United States Citizenship and
6 Immigration Services naturalization ceremony in the state capitol in which new citizens are
7 proudly welcomed to Georgia's ranks; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to more than one million immigrants, who comprise
9 approximately 10 percent of the state population and contribute to Georgia's unique culture
10 and diversity; and

11 WHEREAS, 41.9 percent of Georgia's foreign-born population are naturalized citizens of the
12 United States; and

13 WHEREAS, one in five self-employed business owners are foreign born, employing around
14 137,000 Georgians state wide, and foreign-born Georgians have contributed \$6.9 billion in
15 federal and state taxes; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia is a welcoming home for peoples of all origins and from all walks of
17 life, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that these new Americans be appropriately
18 recognized.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 recognize and commend the manifold contributions of immigrants to the State of Georgia
21 and recognize February 14, 2019, as New Americans Day at the state capitol.

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