

## House Resolution 980

By: Representatives Schofield of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Hutchinson of the 107<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Wilson of the 80<sup>th</sup>, Boddie of the 62<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing April 2020 as Celebrate Diversity Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Celebrate Diversity Month promotes open-mindedness and celebrates  
3 differences in public schools throughout Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Celebrate Diversity Month fosters an inclusive environment for all ethnicities  
5 and cultures, especially in Georgia public schools; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the United States has a larger immigrant population than any other country with  
7 47 million immigrants as of 2015, making it a very multicultural society; and
- 8 WHEREAS, one in ten Georgia residents is an immigrant, while nearly 8 percent of residents  
9 are native-born United States citizens who have at least one immigrant parent; and
- 10 WHEREAS, immigrant-led households in the state paid \$4.7 billion in federal taxes and \$2.2  
11 billion in Georgia state and local taxes in 2014; and
- 12 WHEREAS, foreign-born Georgians own an estimated 31 percent of Georgia's main street  
13 businesses, despite representing about 10 percent of the state's population; and
- 14 WHEREAS, foreign-born Georgians deserve all the dignity and respect one would show any  
15 person; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the peace-loving immigrant community of Georgia makes many important  
17 contributions to education, health care, homeland security, and the economy through the  
18 work of exceptionally educated professionals and successful entrepreneurs while continuing  
19 to celebrate their cultural heritage; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2015, almost one out of four public school students in the United States came  
21 from an immigrant household; and

22 WHEREAS, Celebrate Diversity Month brings together all geographic, demographic, and  
23 ethnic backgrounds to be celebrated in Georgia public schools with various events that  
24 feature multicultural artwork, cuisines, discussions, posters, and much more.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body recognize April 2020 as Celebrate Diversity Month.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
29 public and the press.