

## House Resolution 349

By: Representatives Holly of the 111<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Gilliard of the 162<sup>nd</sup>, Carter of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, Mallow of the 163<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the positive economic impact of African nations on the State of Georgia and  
2 acknowledging the importance of diplomatic, technological, and trade relations; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, nearly 100,000 African immigrants live in Georgia, many of whom have  
5 established successful businesses in Georgia and positively contributed to the expansion  
6 of Georgia's economy; and

7 WHEREAS, Governor Brian Kemp recognized the importance of Nigerian relations during  
8 Nigeria's Path to Prosperity conference; and

9 WHEREAS, the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Nigeria resides in Atlanta and  
10 has maintained a consular presence in Georgia since 1999, establishing strong diplomatic and  
11 economic ties; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia has formed symbiotic trade relationships with multiple African nations  
13 that have positively benefitted Georgia's economy; and

14 WHEREAS, Delta Airlines continues to strengthen its bond with African nations through its  
15 frequent charter and commercial flights; its Junior Achievement Africa in Nigeria, Senegal;  
16 and The Amy Foundation in South Africa; and

17 WHEREAS, The Carter Center spearheaded efforts to eradicate guinea worm in Africa,  
18 bringing its number of infection cases down from 3.5 million in 1986 to only 27 in 2020; and

19 WHEREAS, the Port of Savannah plans to incorporate African economies, utilizing existing  
20 connections to nations like Ghana; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia Ports Administration has entered the polyethylene resin market,  
22 which will be exporting largely to North Africa; and

23 WHEREAS, trade between Georgia and Nigeria has totaled over 109 million imports and  
24 exports; trade between Georgia and South Africa has totaled over 416.8 million imports and  
25 exports; and trade between Georgia and Morocco has totaled 361.3 million imports and  
26 exports; and

27 WHEREAS, corporations such as NCR, PrimeGlobal, PrimeRevenue, Rollins Inc., The  
28 Coca-Cola Company, Travelport Ltd., UPS, Crawford & Company, Georgia Pacific, Golden  
29 Peanut Company, and more have operations in Africa; and

30 WHEREAS, Atlanta, Decatur, Hinesville, Macon, and Savannah have sister-city  
31 relationships with Cotonou, Bousse, Ouahigouya, Elmina, Kaya, and Kumasi, promoting  
32 cultural and commercial ties.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body recognize the positive impact of African nations on the State of  
35 Georgia; acknowledge the importance of strong diplomatic, technological, and trade  
36 relations; and extend best wishes for many more years of continued partnership.

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