

House Resolution 182

By: Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, Williams of the 168th, and Petrea of the 166th

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the State of Georgia to establish a Georgia Gullah Geechee Heritage Society;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Gullah Geechee communities attract the attention of schools, universities,
4 tourists, and local, state, and federal governments because they demonstrate more African
5 influences than any other long-established American population; and

6 WHEREAS, the Gullah Geechee people and their music, dance, and art forms are powerful
7 and evocative, and it is important to preserve their unique culture, heritage, and history; and

8 WHEREAS, the creation of a Georgia Gullah Geechee Heritage Society would promote
9 cultural heritage tourism, educate future generations through a variety of venues, and attract
10 a wide range of scholars and visitors from around the world; and

11 WHEREAS, visitors to this state continuously express a desire for programs and services in
12 Georgia regarding the Gullah Geechee culture; and

13 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the need for a Georgia Gullah
14 Geechee Heritage Society to preserve the Gullah Geechee culture and promote cultural
15 heritage tourism and education in this state.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body encourage the State of Georgia to establish a Georgia Gullah
18 Geechee Heritage Society.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
21 public and the press.