

Senate Resolution 653

By: Senators James of the 35th, Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Orrock of the 36th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the second annual Yoruba Cultural Day Virtual Celebration
2 in Georgia on April 30, 2022; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Yoruba Tribe is one of the largest African ethnic groups south of the Sahara
4 Desert, predominantly located in South Western Nigeria and constituting about 45 million
5 people in the world; and

6 WHEREAS, Yoruba people are prolific educators, sculptors, farmers, and social and political
7 advocates who live around the world, including places like the Republic of Benin, Northern
8 Togo, Brazil, Cuba, Portugal, Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, and the United States
9 of America, speaking 30 dialects of the Yoruba language; and

10 WHEREAS, the Yoruba Tribe makes a huge impact through community service and
11 economic influence in the State of Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, the idea of the Yoruba Day Festival in Georgia was created in January 2020 and
13 the second annual Yoruba Cultural Celebration Virtual Day is spearheaded by Royal Diadem
14 International Consortium Inc.; JilTech International LLC; Chief Emmanuel Adeolu
15 Adeyemo, The Ogboye of Papalanto, Ewekoro, Ogun State; and Honorable Valencia Stovall,

16 former state representative, in collaboration with His Royal Majesty, Oba Jimoh Rasaki
17 Ishola Famuyiwa, The Onipapa of Papalanto, Ewekoro, Ogun State, Nigeria; His Royal
18 Majesty, Oba Dr' Adetokunbo Gbadegeshin Okikiola Tejuosho (Nobel Laureate of Peace),
19 The Adabonyin Ekun I, The Olu Orile Kemta Odeda, Ogun State, Nigeria; Yoruba Elite
20 Munchen (Germany); Foundation For Royal Diadem Children Empowerment (Nigeria); and
21 Oluyemisi Elizabeth Akinremi; and

22 WHEREAS, this event will be held virtually to expose Georgians and viewers worldwide to
23 the unique rich culture and traditions of the Yoruba people exhibited through fashion, dance,
24 music, poetry, artifacts, storytelling, and food while harnessing the unity and appreciation
25 between the African diaspora and African Americans; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the culture importance of the remarkable
27 Yoruba people be recognized appropriately.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize and commend the second annual Yoruba Cultural Day Virtual Celebration in
30 Georgia on April 30, 2022.

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