

House Resolution 1030

By: Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Camp of the 135th, Cannon of the 172nd, Tran of the 80th, Roberts of the 52nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating 250 years of friendship between the United Kingdom and the State of
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia was founded in 1733 as the last of the original 13 colonies
4 under a charter granted by King George II of Great Britain, establishing deep historical ties
5 between Georgia and the United Kingdom; and

6 WHEREAS, the City of Savannah, Georgia's first settlement, was laid out by General James
7 Oglethorpe, a British philanthropist and military leader, and it remains a symbol of the shared
8 heritage between Georgia and the United Kingdom; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia and the United Kingdom have maintained strong cultural and economic
10 connections since colonial times, including trade in goods such as cotton and textiles during
11 the 18th and 19th centuries; and

12 WHEREAS, during World War II, Georgia played a vital role in supporting the Allied effort
13 alongside the United Kingdom through military training at Fort Benning and shipbuilding
14 in Savannah and Brunswick; and

15 WHEREAS, today the United Kingdom remains one of Georgia's leading international
16 partners, with British companies investing in Georgia's economy and Georgia exporting
17 goods and services to the United Kingdom, spanning industries from logistics and
18 manufacturing to finance; and

19 WHEREAS, educational and cultural exchanges, including programs at Georgia universities
20 and British-American organizations, continue to strengthen mutual understanding and
21 friendship; and

22 WHEREAS, the newly formed UK-Georgia Friendship Group has been established to
23 celebrate and strengthen this historic relationship, fostering deeper ties in trade, culture, and
24 diplomacy.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commemorate the 250th anniversary of friendship between the
27 United Kingdom and the State of Georgia as well as express their support for deepening this
28 historic partnership, promoting shared values, and expanding opportunities for collaboration
29 in trade, education, and cultural exchange.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 Government of the United Kingdom, the British Consulate-General in Atlanta, the public,
33 and the press.