

## House Resolution 1201

By: Representatives Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, and Schofield of the 63<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Ambassador Davisha L. Johnson as a Goodwill Ambassador for county and  
2 municipal economic diplomacy; supporting exploratory international engagement with the  
3 Republic of Liberia; and encouraging state and municipal coordination in advancement of  
4 trade, tourism, and foreign direct investment in agriculture; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is a national leader in global trade, logistics, agriculture,  
6 manufacturing, tourism, and economic development, supported by its ports, transportation  
7 infrastructure, municipalities, counties, and diverse workforce; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia's cities and counties play a critical role in attracting foreign direct  
9 investment, expanding export markets, supporting small and minority-owned businesses, and  
10 strengthening international tourism in alignment with state economic priorities; and

11 WHEREAS, the Republic of Liberia is a strategic partner nation with longstanding historical,  
12 economic, and diaspora ties to the United States and the State of Georgia, and has expressed  
13 interest in structured subnational partnerships with U.S. states, municipalities, counties, and  
14 educational systems to advance trade, investment, workforce development, and institutional  
15 capacity; and

16 WHEREAS, Ambassador Davisha L. Johnson, founder of The African Diaspora Collective  
17 Worldwide (TADC), has demonstrated leadership in international, multi-state, county, and  
18 municipal economic development, agricultural transformation, diaspora investment  
19 facilitation, and public-private partnership formation aligned with governmental priorities;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Ambassador Johnson has engaged with governmental ministries, government  
22 agencies, county commissioners, mayoral councils, universities, cooperatives, and  
23 subnational authorities in the Republic of Liberia to support transparent, accountable, and  
24 scalable economic development initiatives; and

25 WHEREAS, the designation of a Goodwill Ambassador for county and municipal economic  
26 diplomacy advances the interests of the State of Georgia by strengthening international  
27 relationships, facilitating structured economic opportunity assessment, and providing a  
28 trusted liaison for municipalities, counties, and relevant state entities; and

29 WHEREAS, an exploratory and preparatory engagement during calendar year 2026, aligned  
30 with a Mayor's Global Summit and structured meetings with Liberian governmental  
31 counterparts, would allow Georgia officials and municipal stakeholders to conduct due  
32 diligence, assess economic opportunities, and inform future legislative and budget  
33 deliberations; and

34 WHEREAS, such engagement, when undertaken for a clear public purpose and accompanied  
35 by appropriate oversight and reporting, constitutes a legitimate governmental function in  
36 support of economic development and global competitiveness.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
38 the members of this body recognize Ambassador Davisha L. Johnson as a Goodwill  
39 Ambassador to the State of Georgia for County and Municipal Economic Diplomacy and  
40 International Trade Readiness, serving as a liaison to support Georgia municipalities,  
41 counties, and partners in structured international economic engagement.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body support exploratory  
43 international engagement with the Republic of Liberia and encourage state and municipal  
44 coordination in advancement of trade, tourism, and foreign direct investment in agriculture.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
46 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
47 Governor of Georgia, the Georgia Department of Economic Development, the Georgia  
48 Municipal Association, the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, and other  
49 appropriate stakeholders.