

Senate Resolution 712

By: Senators Ginn of the 47th, Harrell of the 40th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Echols of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 52nd anniversary of the Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta has strengthened the cultural,
4 political, and economic ties between the Southeast United States and Japan and has worked
5 to help and support Japanese citizens and companies in the Southeast; and

6 WHEREAS, a long and steady friendship has grown between Georgia and Japan, as shown
7 by the establishment of the Office of the State of Georgia in Japan 53 years ago; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia has become a model for welcoming Japanese companies to the
9 Southeast, and the region has grown to become an indispensable part of the United
10 States-Japan relationship; and

11 WHEREAS, current trade between Georgia and Japan is \$8.33 billion in import and export
12 trade; and

13 WHEREAS, there are 700 Japan affiliated offices now located in Georgia, employing 40,000
14 people; and

15 WHEREAS, the Consulate-General created Japan Fest in 1986 and helped grow it into the
16 largest Japanese cultural festival in the Southeast; and

17 WHEREAS, the Governor of Georgia, the Honorable Brian P. Kemp, visited Japan in
18 October of 2025 in connection with the Annual Joint Meeting of Japan-US Southeast
19 Associations; and

20 WHEREAS, the Ambassador of Japan to the United States, Ambassador Yamada, visited
21 Georgia in November of 2025 to meet with members of the Japanese community in the
22 Atlanta area; and

23 WHEREAS, nearly 1,000 Georgia public school students are studying the Japanese language,
24 thirteen Georgia institutes of higher education have Japanese language programs, and from
25 1987 to 2025, 590 Georgians have participated in Japan's Japanese Exchange and Teaching
26 (JET) program.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize the 52nd anniversary of the Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta and the long
29 and steady friendship between this state and Japan and commend the efforts of the
30 Consulate-General to strengthen cultural, educational, political, and economic ties between
31 Georgia and Japan.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta.