

House Resolution 1449

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Okoye of the 102nd, Olaleye of the 59th, and Holly of the 116th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Adekunle Rasheed Okiki Adegoke, Senior Advocate of Nigeria, for his
2 distinguished legal service, human rights advocacy, and contributions to democratic
3 governance; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Adekunle Rasheed Okiki Adegoke, Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), is an
5 internationally respected legal practitioner, constitutional scholar, and human rights advocate
6 whose career spans more than three decades of exemplary service to the rule of law,
7 democratic governance, and social justice; and

8 WHEREAS, born on September 5, 1969, in Osogbo, Osun State, Nigeria, Mr. Adegoke has
9 distinguished himself through academic excellence, earning a Bachelor of Laws degree with
10 Second Class Upper Honors from the University of Lagos, a Barrister-at-Law qualification
11 from the Nigerian Law School, and a Master of Laws degree from the University of Lagos
12 with a perfect CGPA of 4.0; and

13 WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding professional achievements and advocacy at the
14 highest levels of legal practice, Mr. Adegoke was conferred with the prestigious rank of
15 Senior Advocate of Nigeria in 2020, one of the highest honors within the Nigerian legal
16 profession; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Adegoke has served as Managing Partner and Principal Partner of leading
18 law firms, including M. A. Banire & Associates and Kunle Adegoke & Co., providing
19 strategic legal counsel in constitutional law, election litigation, commercial law, and
20 international arbitration, including representation of a West African nation before the
21 International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID); and

22 WHEREAS, he has made enduring scholarly contributions through numerous legal
23 publications, journals, textbooks, and policy papers addressing constitutionalism, contract
24 law, cyber law, judicial reform, secured credit, and democratic accountability, thereby
25 shaping legal thought and practice in Nigeria and beyond; and

26 WHEREAS, as a lifelong human rights advocate, Mr. Adegoke has devoted substantial
27 portions of his legal career to pro bono representation in cases involving environmental
28 justice, labor rights, freedom of information, electoral integrity, and the protection of indigent
29 and marginalized persons, often confronting powerful institutions in defense of the public
30 interest; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Adegoke has played a significant role in the strengthening of democratic
32 institutions in Nigeria by serving as counsel in numerous landmark election petitions before
33 tribunals, appellate courts, and the Supreme Court of Nigeria, thereby reinforcing
34 constitutional order and electoral legitimacy; and

35 WHEREAS, his leadership extends beyond litigation into civic engagement, having served
36 in numerous professional, academic, and civil society organizations, including the Nigerian
37 Bar Association, the International Bar Association, human rights organizations, electoral
38 reform committees, and socio-political development initiatives; and

39 WHEREAS, through international conferences, United Nations engagements, and global
40 legal forums across Europe, North America, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, Mr. Adegoke
41 has represented the legal profession of Nigeria with distinction, fostering cross-border
42 dialogue on justice, governance, and the rule of law; and

43 WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives recognizes that the promotion of
44 democratic values, constitutional governance, and human rights is a shared global
45 responsibility, and that individuals such as Adekunle Rasheed Okiki Adegoke exemplify the
46 ideals of justice, integrity, and public service admired and upheld by the people of the State
47 of Georgia.

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
49 the members of this body commend Adekunle Rasheed Okiki Adegoke for his distinguished
50 career in law, unwavering commitment to human rights, and outstanding contributions to
51 democratic governance and legal development, and extend best wishes for continued success
52 in all his professional and civic endeavors.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
54 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
55 Adekunle Rasheed Okiki Adegoke.