

House Resolution 1780

By: Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Hugley of the 141st, Cummings of the 39th, Dawson of the 65th, Herring of the 145th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring Shri Ramesh Babu Lakshmanan, Consul General of India,
2 Atlanta, United States of America, for his distinguished diplomatic service and extraordinary
3 contributions to the State of Georgia and the Indian-American community; and for other
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, Shri Ramesh Babu Lakshmanan is a distinguished career diplomat who joined
6 the Indian Foreign Service in 2005 and served with great distinction as the Consul General
7 of India, Atlanta, representing the interests of the Republic of India across the southeastern
8 United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Consul General Lakshmanan brought to his Atlanta posting a wealth of
10 international experience, having served in various capacities at Indian Missions in Moscow,
11 Russia; Dushanbe, Tajikistan; Paris, France; and Colombo, Sri Lanka, where he skillfully
12 handled political, commercial, and cultural dimensions of bilateral relations; and

13 WHEREAS, throughout his tenure in Atlanta, Consul General Lakshmanan worked tirelessly
14 to strengthen the bonds of friendship, trade, and cultural exchange between the Republic of
15 India and the State of Georgia, recognizing that more than 140,000 Indian-Americans call

16 Georgia home, making them an integral part of the state's diverse and vibrant community;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Consul General Lakshmanan actively partnered with Georgia's business leaders,
19 academic institutions, government officials, and community organizations to deepen
20 economic ties between the southeastern United States and India, a nation that ranks among
21 Georgia's fastest-growing top ten export destinations; and

22 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Consulate General of India in Atlanta expanded its
23 outreach to universities, facilitated educational exchanges, and advocated for Indian students
24 and professionals in the region, supporting initiatives that advanced science, technology,
25 healthcare, and innovation; and

26 WHEREAS, Consul General Lakshmanan engaged warmly and consistently with Georgia's
27 Indian-American diaspora through consular camps, cultural celebrations, community forums,
28 and digital initiatives to modernize consular services, making the consulate more accessible
29 to all constituents; and

30 WHEREAS, Georgia's fintech corridor-known as 'Transaction Alley'-and the state's broader
31 technology sector benefited from his efforts to foster collaboration between Indian
32 entrepreneurs, investors, and innovators and their Georgia counterparts; and

33 WHEREAS, Consul General Lakshmanan's service has left a lasting legacy of strengthened
34 India-U.S. relations, a more connected Indian-American community in the Southeast, and
35 a deepened partnership between the Republic of India and the State of Georgia.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize and honor Shri Ramesh Babu Lakshmanan, Consul
38 General of India, Atlanta, United States of America, for his outstanding diplomatic service,
39 his profound commitment to the Indian-American community of Georgia, and his exemplary
40 contributions to strengthening the ties of friendship, commerce, culture, and goodwill
41 between the Republic of India and the State of Georgia.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body expresses its sincere gratitude to Consul
43 General Lakshmanan for his dedicated service and extends their best wishes for continued
44 success, and further expresses their hope that the enduring friendship between India and
45 Georgia will continue to flourish for generations to come.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
47 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Shri
48 Ramesh Babu Lakshmanan.