

House Resolution 31EX

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Dawson of the 65th, Schofield of the 63rd, Burnough of the 77th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the Haiti National Football Team for qualifying for and competing
2 in the 2026 FIFA World Cup; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Georgia join millions of supporters around the world
4 in celebrating the remarkable achievement of the Haiti National Football Team, known
5 affectionately as Les Grenadiers, in qualifying for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, marking Haiti's
6 first appearance in the tournament since 1974; and

7 WHEREAS, Haiti's qualification ended a 52-year absence from the world's most prestigious
8 sporting event and stands as a testament to the resilience, determination, and excellence of
9 Haitian athletes and coaches; and

10 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach Sébastien Migné, Haiti earned its place
11 among the world's elite football nations and has inspired Haitians and supporters throughout
12 the State of Georgia, the United States, and the global Haitian diaspora; and

13 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is home to one of the largest Haitian-American
14 communities in the southeastern United States, whose cultural, economic, educational, civic,
15 and entrepreneurial contributions enrich the fabric of our state every day; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Georgia Haitian-American Chamber of Commerce Inc. (GAHCCI),
17 representing Haitian-American businesses, professionals, entrepreneurs, and community
18 leaders throughout the State of Georgia, has been a steadfast advocate for the advancement,
19 visibility, and success of the Haitian community and proudly joins in celebrating the historic
20 achievement of the Haiti National Football Team; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia Haitian-American Chamber of Commerce Inc. recognizes the Haiti
22 National Football Team's participation in the 2026 FIFA World Cup as a moment of
23 extraordinary national pride and international recognition, reflecting the resilience,
24 excellence, and enduring spirit of the Haitian people and serving as an inspiration to
25 Haitian-Americans across Georgia and the nation; and

26 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Haiti's national team serve as a powerful symbol of
27 hope, unity, perseverance, and national pride during a historic moment for the Haitian
28 people; and

29 WHEREAS, the members of the Haiti National Football Team whose talent, dedication, and
30 commitment earned the honor of representing the Republic of Haiti at the 2026 FIFA World
31 Cup are Goalkeepers Josue Duverger, Alexandre Pierre, and Johny Placide; Defenders
32 Ricardo Ade, Carlens Arcus, Hannes Delcroix, Jean-Kevin Duverne, Martin Experience,
33 Duke Lacroix, Garven Metusala, Wilguens Paugain, and Keeto Thermoncy; Midfielders Carl
34 Fred Sainte, Jean-Ricner Bellegarde, Danley Jean Jacques, Woodensky Pierre, and
35 Dominique Simon; and Forwards Josue Casimir, Loucius Deedson, Derrick Etienne Jr.,
36 Yassin Fortune, Wilson Isidor, Lenny Joseph, Duckens Nazon, Frantzdy Pierrot, and Ruben
37 Providence; and

38 WHEREAS, the coaching and technical staff, led by Head Coach Sébastien Migné, have
39 demonstrated exceptional leadership, discipline, and commitment in preparing and guiding
40 the Haiti National Football Team to compete on the world stage and have played an integral
41 role in this historic achievement; and

42 WHEREAS, these players, coaches, and support personnel have become ambassadors for
43 Haiti and role models for future generations of athletes throughout Georgia, the United
44 States, Haiti, and the broader Caribbean community; and

45 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia proudly recognizes the dedication, sacrifice, and
46 achievement demonstrated by the Haiti National Football Team as they represent their nation
47 on the global stage and inspire people around the world through their perseverance and
48 sportsmanship.

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
50 the members of this body recognize and honor the Haiti National Football Team, Head
51 Coach Sébastien Migné, the coaching staff, and all players for their historic qualification for
52 and participation in the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
54 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
55 public and the press.