

House Resolution 264

By: Representatives Thomas of the 39th, Boddie of the 62nd, Smith of the 41st, Waites of the 60th, and Bentley of the 139th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing May, 2017, as Haitian Month in Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Haitian soldiers were courageous contributors to America's independence from
3 Great Britain; and
- 4 WHEREAS, on October 9, 1779, a force of more than 500 Haitian gens de couleur (free men
5 of color) joined American colonists and French troops in an unsuccessful push to drive the
6 British from Savannah in coastal Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, after the Haitian veterans returned home from the war in America, they led their
8 own rebellion that won Haiti's independence from France in 1804; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Haiti's role in the American Revolution is a point of well-deserved, national
10 pride for Haitians, and their selfless and brave dedication to aiding Americans in their fight
11 for freedom is deeply appreciated, though words alone could never repay them.
- 12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 the members of this body recognize May, 2017, as Haitian Month in Georgia in honor of the
14 sacrifices and contributions made by many Haitians during America's Revolutionary War.
- 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
16 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
17 public and the press.