

House Resolution 1108

By: Representatives Lim of the 99th, Carpenter of the 4th, Marin of the 96th, Hawkins of the 27th, Lopez of the 86th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 17, 2022, as Salvadoran American Day in Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on September 15, El Salvador celebrates its Independence Day; thus, it is
4 appropriate that September 17 would be considered Salvadoran American Day in Georgia.
5 This day would be close to independence, yet symbolizing a new beginning; and

6 WHEREAS, the Salvadoran immigrant community has faced long tremendous struggles of
7 social and economic disparities as well as language barriers in America in the fight to
8 integrate in the land of opportunity; and

9 WHEREAS, like immigrants to the United States before and after them, the Salvadoran
10 community did not falter in pursuit of the American Dream; and

11 WHEREAS, through resilience, tenacious effort, and immense sacrifice, they established a
12 new home in a new land, which became the bedrock for their children and provided future
13 generations of Salvadoran Americans an opportunity to thrive; and

14 WHEREAS, Salvadorans have become the third largest Latino population in the United
15 States of America. In 2019, the census indicated more than two and half million Salvadorans
16 live all over the country, establishing their homes and families and expanding from state to
17 state; and

18 WHEREAS, Salvadoran American Day in Georgia is celebrated on September 17 each year
19 to commemorate the arrival of the first Salvadoran immigrants to the United States and honor
20 the immense contributions of the Salvadoran community to every aspect of American
21 society; and

22 WHEREAS, Salvadoran Americans have made important contributions to the fields of
23 workmanship, entrepreneurship, construction, and renewal areas, as well as serving as a
24 source of employment for the Latino community; and

25 WHEREAS, Salvadoran Americans have established a significant community in the United
26 States and the State of Georgia; and

27 WHEREAS, the population of Salvadoran Americans in Georgia has increased 75 percent
28 in the last decade, making them an important part of the Latino community and other
29 communities across this state; and

30 WHEREAS, more than 50,000 Salvadoran Americans call Georgia home, and Spanish is the
31 second most spoken language in the State of Georgia; and

32 WHEREAS, prominent organizations and leaders have helped the Salvadoran American
33 community in Georgia thrive, including William García, businessman and chair of
34 Salvadoreños Unidos en Georgia; Martha Revelo, outreach director for Senator Raphael

35 Warnock; Antonio Molina, chair of Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Albert Sorto,
36 director of corporate partnerships for Atlanta Gladiators, interim chairman of the Board for
37 Metropolitan Savannah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, board member for Gwinnett
38 County Government Community Outreach, board member for Hispanic Mentoring Program
39 at Gwinnett County Public Schools, and board member for Atlanta International Night
40 Market; Lisa Clarke, CEO of ATL Search Group; Luis Estrada, reporter for Telemundo;
41 Mario Guevara, journalist for Mundo Hispánico; Officer Willie Nerio, Hispanic liaison,
42 SWAT, Community Affairs Unit for Cobb County Police Department; Iris Tellez, vice
43 president of Salvadoreños Unidos en Georgia and important community leader; Sonia Lopez,
44 founder of first Latin American nonprofit Club de Leones in Norcross; Christopher Perlera,
45 founder of Critical Point Consulting as well as senior director of strategic partnerships &
46 messaging for Georgia Division of Family and Children Services; Patricia Bercian, president
47 of the Gladiators Law Firm; the Consulate General of the Republic of El Salvador led by the
48 Honorable Consul General Mónica Marín Cruz; and others; and

49 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these individuals be honored for their
50 outstanding contributions to community service, civic engagement, cross-cultural education,
51 and steadfast support for the Salvadoran American community in Georgia.

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
53 the members of this body recognize September 17, 2022, as Salvadoran American Day in
54 Georgia.

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