

House Resolution 1299

By: Representatives McLeod of the 105th, Beverly of the 143rd, Holly of the 111th, Douglas of the 78th, Paris of the 142nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing August 6, 2022 as Jamaica Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Jamaica is celebrating the 60th anniversary of its independence from England,
3 which was attained August 6, 1962; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Jamaica is an island nation of approximately 3 million people, but has great
5 impact on the entire world in fields such as entertainment, finance, education, medicine,
6 politics, arts, sports, science, inventions, beauty, and military; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Jamaica has adopted the motto "Out of Many One People" due to the many
8 cultures and races woven into the fabric of this small island nation; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Jamaica is home to the fastest man (Usain Bolt) and the fastest woman (Elaine
10 Thompson-Harah) in the world, who were also fan favorites during the Olympics; and
- 11 WHEREAS, known as "The Land of Wood and Water", Jamaica boasts beautiful and
12 breathtaking beaches, mountains, waterfalls, and other natural resources that make it one of
13 the most desirable locations to visit; and

14 WHEREAS, Jamaica is the undisputed home of reggae music that was made popular by Bob
15 Marley, Toots and the Maytals, Shaggy, Sean Paul, Maxi Priest, Peter Tosh, UB 40, Damien
16 Marley, Ziggy Marley, Skip Marley, Spice, and many more. Now it has expanded to other
17 genres such as reggaeton; and

18 WHEREAS, Jamaica is the third-largest island and the largest English-speaking island in the
19 Caribbean; and

20 WHEREAS, Jamaicans are credited with popularizing the dreadlock hairstyles that have been
21 worn by millions around the world; and

22 WHEREAS, Jamaica's national dish is ackee and salt fish; its national flower is the lignum
23 vitae; its national bird is the Doctor Bird; its national fruit is ackee; and the national tree is
24 the Blue Mahoe; and

25 WHEREAS, Jamaica is the first tropical nation to compete in bobsledding in the Winter
26 Olympics; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding and distinguished
28 accomplishments of the Jamaican diaspora in Georgia and around the world be appropriately
29 recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize August 6, 2022 as Jamaica Day in Georgia for the
32 Jamaican diaspora's many outstanding contributions to the State of Georgia and extend to
33 them their most sincere gratitude for outstanding service to their community and to the
34 United States.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
37 Jacqueline "Jackie" M. Watson and to the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce of
38 Georgia, Inc.