

## House Resolution 1557

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the month of June 2020 as Immigrant Heritage Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in pursuit of the American dream, immigrants from around the world have  
3 made Georgia their home, which has strengthened the economy and enriched the state's  
4 cultural diversity; and
- 5 WHEREAS, one in ten Georgians are an immigrant or foreign born, which constitutes the  
6 ninth largest immigrant population in the United States; and
- 7 WHEREAS, 41 percent of Fortune 500 companies based in Georgia were founded by  
8 immigrants or their children, which generate \$207.6 billion in annual revenue and employ  
9 864,644 people globally; and
- 10 WHEREAS, foreign-born Georgians own an estimated 31 percent of Georgia's main street  
11 businesses despite comprising only 10 percent of the state's population; and
- 12 WHEREAS, immigrant-owned businesses employ 136,000 workers in Georgia and  
13 strengthen the economy by continuing to grow, innovate, and create jobs; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Georgia immigrants have a combined spending power of \$23 billion and  
15 contribute a total of \$8 billion a year in federal, state, and local taxes; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Georgia's immigrants contribute greatly to advances in technology and science;  
17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, the work of immigrants has directly enriched the culture of Georgia and the  
19 United States by influencing the performing arts, academia, art, music, literature, media,  
20 fashion, cuisine, customs, and cultural celebrations enjoyed across the state and country; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of immigrants and was founded on the principle  
22 that we are all created equal.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize June 2020 as Immigrant Heritage Month in honor of the  
25 contributions and accomplishments of Georgia's immigrants and their children.

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