

House Resolution 156

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th and Park of the 107th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Lucas de Souza Martins; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Lucas de Souza Martins is being recognized for his outstanding work and
3 dedication in serving all communities across the State of Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lucas earned his Master of Arts in history from Georgia State University; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Lucas, a citizen of Brazil and currently a PhD student in Latin American history
6 at Temple University, has diligently and consciously devoted his efforts towards the
7 betterment of his community and the State of Georgia in the past four years; and
- 8 WHEREAS, from 2021 to 2022, Lucas served as an international affairs aide focusing on
9 relationships with Georgia's the international community, which includes constituents,
10 consulates, and chambers of commerce; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Lucas was the creator and host of the City of Atlanta's Mayor Office of
12 International Affairs video series titled *From the World to the A: Coffee with Legends*, a
13 project that included virtual sit-down interviews with international figures residing in Atlanta

14 such as Haitian Olympic swimmer Naomy Grand 'Pierre, Brazilian Atlanta Dream legend
15 Iziane Castro, and Cuban-Venezuelan television host Elizabeth Pérez; and

16 WHEREAS, Lucas has led initiatives (panels and social media content) to inform the
17 community of Portuguese speakers in Georgia regarding the importance of the United States
18 Census; and

19 WHEREAS, Lucas worked as the secretary of the Council of Brazilian Citizens in Atlanta,
20 the organization that manages the relationship between citizens of Brazil and the local
21 consulate general, and assisted the council's leadership with the logistics for the Annual
22 Brazilian Health Day in Marietta, Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, Lucas, as the recipient of the prestigious Robert and Margaret Pastor Graduate
24 Assistant Fellowship, served the Carter Center as an electoral projects assistant, aiding the
25 organization with its electoral expert mission in Bogotá, Colombia, in 2022; and

26 WHEREAS, Lucas, an enthusiast of international connections and African American history,
27 co-led the first mission trip of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, Dr. Martin Luther King
28 Jr.'s congregation, to South America (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) in the summer of 2022. On that
29 occasion, 15 members of Ebenezer connected with Afro-Brazilian civic and social leaders
30 from Rio de Janeiro's City Hall, the Marielle Franco Institute, and Our Brazilian Church -
31 Baptist Church and conducted social work activities at Casa Semente, an NGO focused on
32 after school's programs; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
34 remarkable and distinguished citizen be appropriately recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 members of this body recognize and commend Lucas de Souza Martins for his dedicated
37 service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere and best wishes for continued
38 health, happiness, and success.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Lucas
41 de Souza Martins.