

House Resolution 1611

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56th and Brooks of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 5th, 2014, as Soka Gakkai International Youth Day in Georgia; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Soka Gakkai International is an organization dedicated to peace, culture, and
4 education in furtherance of the happiness and welfare of all humanity based on the Buddhist
5 respect for the sanctity of life; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Daisaku Ikeda, the founder and president of SGI, has built a dynamic
7 international organization active in 192 countries and territories based on the principle of
8 always putting youth in the forefront; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Ikeda has founded schools and universities in several countries, including
10 the United States, based on the Soka system of value creative education; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Ikeda has engaged in dialogues with numerous world leaders and
12 academicians in furtherance of greater international mutual understanding in the spheres of
13 politics, artistic endeavor, scientific advancement and education; and

14 WHEREAS, the youth members of SGI in Georgia and around the world, emulating the
15 peace activities of Dr. Ikeda, have taken the lead in numerous local community activities and
16 affairs thereby learning that good citizenship is an active responsibility; and

17 WHEREAS, the SGI organization in the United States has undertaken to build an Atlanta
18 Buddhist Center in the Atlantic Station neighborhood as a pledge of their long-term
19 commitment to our community; and

20 WHEREAS, the Buddhist youth of Atlanta have vowed to use this center as a base to further
21 their active and positive involvement in the community and have planned a grand opening
22 of this significant facility on April 5th this year.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize April 5th, 2014, as Soka Gakkai International Youth Day
25 in Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Soka Gakkai International.