

House Resolution 174

By: Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, Ralston of the 7th, Efstration of the 104th, Harrell of the 106th, Silcox of the 52nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 14, 2019, as New Americans Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 14, 2019, more than 300 new Americans, friends, and community
4 supporters will visit the state capitol for a day of education and celebration; and

5 WHEREAS, February 14, 2019, will mark the fifth annual United States Citizenship and
6 Immigration Services naturalization ceremony in the state capitol in which new citizens are
7 proudly welcomed to Georgia's ranks; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to more than one million immigrants, who comprise
9 approximately 10 percent of the state population and contribute to Georgia's unique culture
10 and diversity; and

11 WHEREAS, 41.9 percent of Georgia's foreign-born population are naturalized citizens of the
12 United States; and

13 WHEREAS, one in five self-employed business owners are foreign born, employing around
14 137,000 Georgians state wide, and foreign-born Georgians have contributed \$6.9 billion in
15 federal and state taxes; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia is a welcoming home for peoples of all origins and from all walks of
17 life, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that these new Americans be appropriately
18 recognized.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize and commend the manifold contributions of immigrants
21 to the State of Georgia and recognize February 14, 2019, as New Americans Day at the state
22 capitol.

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