

Senate Resolution 730

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Miller of the 49th, Butler of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd and Anderson of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 13, 2020, as New Americans Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 13, 2020, 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, Georgia is home to more than one million immigrants who comprise
6 approximately 10 percent of the state population and contribute to Georgia's unique culture
7 and diversity; and

8 WHEREAS, more than 41 percent of Georgia's foreign-born population are naturalized
9 United States citizens and eligible voters; and

10 WHEREAS, foreign-born Georgians own 31 percent of Georgia's main street businesses,
11 despite being only 10 percent of the population, and employ approximately 206,000
12 Georgians state wide; and

13 WHEREAS, one in seven Georgia workers are foreign-born and play a vital role in the state's
14 core industries, including the healthcare industry, where 17 percent of doctors are
15 immigrants; and

16 WHEREAS, foreign-born Georgians contributed approximately \$8 billion in local, state, and
17 federal taxes and held nearly \$22 billion in spending power in 2017 alone; and

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 recognize February 13, 2020, as New Americans Day at the state capitol and commend the
23 manifold contributions of immigrants to the State of Georgia.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
26 press.