

## House Resolution 1249

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110<sup>th</sup>, Okoye of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, and Olaleye of the 59<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Nigeria-US IT Network; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Nigeria-US IT Network is a community of Nigerian IT professionals  
3 resident in the United States who seek to network and collaborate for professional  
4 development in the information technology space; and
- 5 WHEREAS, its mission is to build a network of Nigerian IT professionals, collaborating and  
6 sharing ideas and information for collective and individual growth, by sourcing, analyzing,  
7 and disseminating strategic information, education, and guidance aimed at building the next  
8 generation of highly skilled IT professionals and enhancing members' professional skills,  
9 careers, and entrepreneurial capacities; and
- 10 WHEREAS, an inaugural meeting was scheduled for the first day of June 2019 and 13 ladies  
11 and gentlemen showed up and thus began the journey of the group, which has now grown  
12 to 295 members; and
- 13 WHEREAS, this fine organization realized that there are vast opportunities, both here in the  
14 United States and in Nigeria, but without an avenue to share information, education, and

15 ideas, those opportunities can be limited and individuals are better placed to seize those  
16 opportunities when they pool resources and strategically synergize their strengths; and

17 WHEREAS, to that end, the network began to organize regular networking events and  
18 workshops to provide opportunities for members to meet and learn from each other and  
19 external industry leaders and thus far have held ten such events; and

20 WHEREAS, a mentorship program to connect experienced IT professionals with  
21 up-and-coming professionals was also begun and 30 mentorship matches have been created  
22 so far; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2023, the network began an initiative of giving back to the community with  
24 a summer coding camp for youths ages ten to 18 with topics covered at the camp including  
25 Python programming, Salesforce for beginners, Cybersecurity, and Comptia A+; and

26 WHEREAS, this camp was organized in partnership with the J.M. Tull Gwinnett Family  
27 YMCA and was held at the YMCA facility; and

28 WHEREAS, numerous success stories have already arisen from the efforts of this group and  
29 more are sure to come; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
31 remarkable and distinguished organization be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize and commend the Nigeria-US IT Network and thank it  
34 for its efforts of behalf of the community and state.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
37 Nigeria-US IT Network.