

House Resolution 177

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Olaleye of the 59th, Okoye of the 102nd, and Holly of the 116th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Richard Olorunrokan Adekola, "King Rokan"; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Richard Olorunrokan Adekola, affectionately known as King Rokan, was an
4 esteemed member of the Nigerian American and African diaspora community in Georgia as
5 well as a beacon of cultural excellence whose influence transcended borders; and

6 WHEREAS, King Rokan's unparalleled talent as a musician, songwriter, and performer
7 enriched the lives of countless individuals; and

8 WHEREAS, through his art, he celebrated the beauty of African heritage, shared messages
9 of hope and unity, and inspired pride in cultural identity; and

10 WHEREAS, King Rokan performed at significant global events such as the opening
11 ceremony of the 1996 Olympics and Black History Month celebrations, showcasing his
12 exceptional talent on some of the world's most prominent stages; and

13 WHEREAS, he also had the rare honor of entertaining three presidents: President Bill
14 Clinton at the White House in 1993 with Bolu and the Roots of African Percussion, former

15 Nigerian President General Abdulsalami Abubakar in Washington, D.C., and former
16 Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo in Ohio; and

17 WHEREAS, beyond his artistic brilliance, King Rokan was a dedicated community leader
18 who worked tirelessly to uplift and unite his people; he served as a mentor to young artists,
19 an advocate for cultural preservation, and a source of strength and encouragement to many;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, King Rokan's legacy is marked by his unwavering commitment to the
22 betterment of his community and his enduring contributions to the cultural fabric of Georgia,
23 earning him respect, admiration, and affection from all who had the privilege of knowing
24 him; and

25 WHEREAS, the passing of King Rokan has left an indelible void in the hearts of his family,
26 friends, and the broader community; nevertheless, his life and work will continue to inspire
27 and guide future generations.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Richard Olorunrokan
30 Adekola, "King Rokan," as well as his contributions to music, culture, and community and
31 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 family of Richard Olorunrokan Adekola, "King Rokan."