

## House Resolution 22

By: Representatives Martin of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Price of the 48<sup>th</sup>, and Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Louise Blais, the Consul General of Canada in Atlanta; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the government of Canada has a consular presence in the State of Georgia that  
3 promotes business development, investment, tourism, culture, and information exchange  
4 between Canada and the southeastern states of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North  
5 Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Louise Blais was appointed Consul General of Canada in Atlanta in August,  
7 2014, by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, has a long and consistent record of service to  
8 international relations, and is dedicated and committed to fostering Canada's relations with  
9 Georgia and the United States; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Canada and the United States share a border for 5,525 miles, or 8,891  
11 kilometers, binding together companies, employees, tourists, sports fans, first responders, and  
12 border community residents who depend on goods and services traded between the two  
13 countries; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the economic prosperity of Canada and the United States is intertwined; many  
15 Canadian companies are located in the State of Georgia, and millions of United States jobs,  
16 with hundreds of thousands of jobs in Georgia alone, depend on trade and investment with  
17 Canada; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Canada is the largest and most secure supplier of oil, natural gas, and electricity,  
19 and it is a leading supplier of uranium to the United States; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Canada and the United States have a vibrant knowledge-sharing relationship  
21 for communicating experiences and best practices in clean energy development; and

22 WHEREAS, Consul Louise Blais remains steadfastly committed to maintaining mutual  
23 respect and understanding between cultures which enhances stability and promotes prosperity  
24 and diplomacy throughout the world, making it abundantly fitting and proper that her  
25 valuable contributions be appropriately recognized; and

26 WHEREAS, it is the desire of this body to encourage greater collaboration and exchange  
27 between Georgia and Canada in the fields of economic development, trade, scientific  
28 research, education, and environmental sustainable energy.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body recognize the special friendship between Georgia and Canada and  
31 express appreciation to the Consul General of Canada in Atlanta, Louise Blais, for her efforts  
32 to promote economic, educational, and scientific exchanges between the United States and  
33 Canada.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
36 Louise Blais.