

Senate Resolution 563

By: Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria (USA), Inc.; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria (USA), Inc., hereafter referred to
4 as "AKISAN USA," will be holding her 30th annual convention and fundraiser at the Atlanta
5 Marriott Marquis in the wonderful city of Atlanta from August 17, 2017, to August 20, 2017;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, AKISAN USA has 39 chapters located throughout the United States of
8 America, including a chapter in Atlanta; and

9 WHEREAS, AKISAN USA National Conventions attract at least 5,000 attendees from all
10 over the world; and

11 WHEREAS, the last time AKISAN USA held her convention in Atlanta was in August,
12 1997; and

13 WHEREAS, AKISAN USA is expected to contribute between \$1 million and \$2 million to
14 the local economy; and

15 WHEREAS, AKISAN USA as a nonprofit organization is actively involved in the local
16 communities where they are located through feeding the homeless, providing back-to-school
17 assistance for needy families and winter coat drives, among many others; and

18 WHEREAS, the theme of the 30th Annual Convention is "Rebuilding our
19 Schools...Education of our Future TODAY"; and

20 WHEREAS, the goal of raising funds is to enable the support of the aforementioned theme;
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22 WHEREAS, the goal of social networking will be met through power banquets, mix and
23 mingle events, various reunions, power networking meetings, and matrimonial proposals;
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25 WHEREAS, the goal of business networking will be met through business seminars
26 anchored by eminent Akwa Ibom and USA business leaders, Representatives from the
27 Consulate of Nigeria, Representatives from the Embassy of Nigeria (Economic/Commercial
28 Section), Georgia Minority Businesses, and members of academia from Historically Black
29 Colleges and Universities; and

30 WHEREAS, the goal of promoting Akwa Ibom Culture will be met through a sumptuous
31 "Taste of Africa," a Beauty Pageant, and cultural dances and displays.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend the Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria (USA), Inc., for their efforts to
34 promote social, economic, educational, cultural, and recreational activities within the
35 Nigerian community in the United States.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Akwa Ibom
38 State Association of Nigeria (USA), Inc.