

## Senate Resolution 8EX

By: Senators James of the 35th, Jones of the 10th, McLaurin of the 14th, Seay of the 34th, Harbison of the 15th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas and the Nigerian  
2 Physicians Advocacy Group; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas (ANPA) has, since its  
4 incorporation in 1995, demonstrated an unwavering commitment to educational, scientific,  
5 and charitable endeavors, operating as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; and

6 WHEREAS, representing the professional interests of over 4,000 physicians, dentists, and  
7 allied health professionals of Nigerian birth, ethnicity, or empathy in the United States,  
8 Canada, and the Caribbean, ANPA has consistently provided a vital platform for medical and  
9 scientific dialogue and addressed health issues within North America, the Caribbean, and  
10 Africa, especially those pertinent to individuals of descent from the Nigerian Diaspora; and

11 WHEREAS, the Nigerian Physicians Advocacy Group (NPAG), serving as the non-partisan  
12 501(c)(4) affiliate of ANPA, was incorporated in 2019 with the mission to further the goals  
13 of ANPA by advocating for initiatives that strengthen the rule of law, engaging in voter  
14 education and get-out-to-vote campaigns, and providing basic health services; and

15 WHEREAS, during the 2023 election period in Nigeria, NPAG actively participated in voter  
16 sensitization programs while providing blood pressure screening and treatment to combat the  
17 crucial issue of high blood pressure, a leading cause of sudden death in Nigeria; and

18 WHEREAS, the ANPA Georgia Chapter has long served as a beacon of community impact,  
19 incorporating an annual 5k race to raise awareness for health issues plaguing communities,  
20 including sickle cell disease; and

21 WHEREAS, the ANPA Georgia Chapter has tirelessly addressed healthcare disparities and  
22 access issues within the state by organizing health fairs across various counties, including  
23 Henry and Fulton counties, focusing on chronic illnesses such as hypertension and diabetes  
24 alongside education on healthy living and breast cancer awareness; and

25 WHEREAS, demonstrating a commitment to social responsibility, the ANPA Georgia  
26 Chapter has forged partnerships with organizations like Hosea Helps to serve those in need  
27 and address hunger and homelessness in Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, amidst the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, both ANPA and  
29 NPAG actively participated in fundraising efforts, contributing to the procurement of  
30 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Nigeria and supporting relief campaigns assisting  
31 families and the Atlanta Community Food Bank; and

32 WHEREAS, both organizations remain dedicated to supporting the Sickle Cell Foundation  
33 of Georgia and upholding their commitment to providing free health fairs that serve  
34 under-represented communities; and

35 WHEREAS, this remarkable collaboration between ANPA and NPAG showcases a  
36 commendable synergy of expertise, advocacy, and community impact, contributing  
37 significantly to the betterment of healthcare, civic engagement, and community well-being.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
39 commend both the Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas and the Nigerian  
40 Physicians Advocacy Group for their many outstanding contributions on behalf of the  
41 citizens of Georgia and extend best wishes for continued growth, development, and success.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
43 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Association of  
44 Nigerian Physicians in the Americas and the Nigerian Physicians Advocacy Group.