House Resolution 8EX

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Mitchell of the 88th, Romman of the 97th, Adesanya of the 43rd, and Olaleye of the 59th

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

WHEREAS, the Nigerian Physicians Advocacy Group (NPAG), serving as the non-partisan 501(c)(4) affiliate of ANPA, was incorporated in 2019 with the mission to further the goals of ANPA by advocating for initiatives that strengthen the rule of law, engaging in voter 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

WHEREAS, demonstrating a commitment to social responsibility, the ANPA GeorgiaChapter has forged partnerships with organizations like Hosea Helps to serve those in need

27 and address hunger and homelessness in Georgia; and

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

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

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that 39 the members of this body commend both the Association of Nigerian Physicians in the 40 Americas and the Nigerian Physicians Advocacy Group for their many outstanding 41 contributions on behalf of the citizens of Georgia and extend best wishes for continued 42 growth, development, and success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas and the Nigerian Physicians Advocacy
Group.