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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 159

Offered March 9, 2022

Commending the Republic of Ghana.

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Patrons—Mundon King, Bagby, Guzman, Hope, McQuinn, Murphy and Rasoul

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Republic of Ghana, one of the leading countries in West Africa, celebrates the 65th anniversary of its independence; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, what is now Ghana has been a diverse, multinational community of different ethnic, linguistic, and religious groups; and

WHEREAS, a former British colony, Ghana became the first Black African country south of the Sahara Desert to achieve independence from European colonial rule with the passage of the Ghana Independence Act of 1957; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of its founding President Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana flourished economically and forged a strong cultural and national identity; and

WHEREAS, Ghana has maintained one of the most stable and freest governments in modern Africa and consistently performs well in metrics related to health care, economic growth, and human development; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States, the Group of 24, the Non-Aligned Movement, and the Commonwealth of Nations, Ghana is an active leader in West Africa and the international community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Ghana celebrated the country's 65th Independence Day on March 6, 2022, with a national parade in the capital city, Accra; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Republic of Ghana hereby be commended on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of its independence; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to representatives of the Republic of Ghana as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the nation's history and contributions to other African nations and the world.