

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism offered the following substitute to HB 1034:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 and Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to holidays and observances and state flag, seal, and other symbols,
3 respectively, so as to provide for various official recognitions and designations by the state;
4 to designate the fourth Friday in November of each year as "National Sugarcane Syrup Day"
5 in Georgia; to provide for placement of a Revolutionary War Patriots marker upon the
6 grounds of the state capitol building and upon the grounds of the state archives building; to
7 provide for the approval, placement, and procurement of such markers; to provide legislative
8 findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
9 other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **PART I**
12 **SECTION 1-1.**

13 The General Assembly finds that:

14 (1) Making sugarcane syrup has been a part of family farm tradition for generations,
15 particularly in Georgia;

16 (2) The increase in production costs, competition from artificial syrups, and the
17 decreasing number of farmers who still make sugarcane syrup, however, has led some to
18 refer to the making of sugarcane syrup as a dying art;

19 (3) Establishing a "National Sugarcane Syrup Day" in Georgia would help to preserve
20 the art of making sugarcane syrup by honoring those who continue with this longstanding
21 family farm tradition and by raising public awareness of the differences between natural
22 sugarcane syrup and artificial syrups;

23 (4) Designating the fourth Friday in November of each year, the day after Thanksgiving,
24 as "National Sugarcane Syrup Day" is particularly fitting, as it is not only a time when
25 families gather and celebrate together, but is also a time when some say sugarcane is at
26 its sweetest in Georgia; and

27 (5) It is, therefore, abundantly fitting and proper that the State of Georgia appropriately
28 recognize and honor the family farm tradition of making sugarcane syrup by designating
29 the fourth Friday in November of each year as "National Sugarcane Syrup Day" in
30 Georgia.

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SECTION 1-2.

32 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and
33 observances, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

34 "1-4-27.

35 The fourth Friday in November of each year is designated as 'National Sugarcane Syrup
36 Day' in Georgia."

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PART II

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SECTION 2-1.

39 Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state flag, seal,
40 and other symbols, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

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"ARTICLE 842 50-3-130.

43 (a) There shall be placed upon the grounds of the state capitol building and upon the
44 grounds outside the state archives building a marker which commemorates the patriots of
45 the Revolutionary War, honoring the men and women who helped America achieve
46 independence. Each such marker shall honor the two-hundred and fiftieth anniversary of
47 the United States and those who fought for the noble cause of liberty and for a new nation.

48 (b) Placement location for Revolutionary War Patriots markers provided for in this Code
49 section shall be subject to approval by the Capitol Art Standards Commission for
50 placement upon the grounds of the state capitol building and by the Board of Regents of
51 the University System of Georgia for the placement of the marker upon the grounds outside
52 the state archives building.

53 (c) No public funds shall be expended for the design or procurement of the markers
54 provided for in this Code section. Each such marker shall be placed as soon as practicable."

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PART III

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SECTION 3-1.

57 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.