

## House Resolution 1561

By: Representatives Efstration of the 104<sup>th</sup>, Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, Oliver of the 82<sup>nd</sup>, Bonner of the 72<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring Greece and the Coordinated Effort of Hellenes (CEH) on the  
2 sacred occasion of Greek Independence Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Greek Independence Day is a national holiday celebrated annually in Greece  
4 on March 25, and the date commemorates the start of the War of Greek Independence in  
5 1821, a war that led to the liberation of Crete and Greece from Turkish rule and ended nearly  
6 400 years of oppression under the Ottoman Empire; and

7 WHEREAS, the governments and people of Greece and the United States are at the forefront  
8 of efforts to advance freedom, democracy, peace, stability, and human rights and those  
9 efforts and similar ideals have forged a close bond between the people of Greece and the  
10 United States; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout the 20th Century, Greece was one of a few countries that allied with  
12 the United States in every major international conflict; and

13 WHEREAS, the cultures and political philosophies of Greece and the United States are  
14 heavily influenced by one another, leading to a cross-cultural understanding between the two  
15 countries and a history of cooperation on many important political, civic, and economic  
16 issues affecting the lives of both country's citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, the Greeks, like the citizens of Georgia, possess a commitment to democratic  
18 principles and values that manifest themselves in their everyday lives; and

19 WHEREAS, the Coordinated Effort of Hellenes is committed to fostering Greece's relations  
20 with other countries and diligently strives to improve cooperation between many differing  
21 countries; thus, their dedicated work and commitment to mutual respect and understanding  
22 between cultures enhances stability in their region of the world and it is only fitting and  
23 proper that its outstanding achievements be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize and honor the country of Greece and our friends with the  
26 Coordinated Effort of Hellenes (CEH) and extend sincere best wishes on the sacred occasion  
27 of Greek Independence Day.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of House of Representatives is authorized and  
29 directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Andrew  
30 Manatos, President of the Coordinated Effort of Hellenes.