

House Resolution 229

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Pak of the 108th, Glanton of the 75th, Waites of the 60th, Marin of the 96th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring February 12, 2015, as Cambodian-American Heritage Day at the
2 state capitol and inviting Venerable Son Sen, Venerable Saran Brach, Chhoeung Nem, Randy
3 Muth, and Soeurn Chap to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recognizes the numerous contributions of
6 Cambodian-Americans to the social and economic revitalization of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, although the Cambodian genocide was one of the greatest human tragedies of
8 the 20th century, the Cambodian people, through perseverance, hard work, and
9 determination, reestablished families and communities, began enhancing their cultural
10 diversity in Georgia, and worked towards the prevention of crimes against humanity; and

11 WHEREAS, the Cambodian people have a rich and ancient cultural heritage symbolized by
12 the temple city, Angkor Wat, considered one of the great Wonders of the World, which
13 stands as a living testament to the genius, strength, and endurance of the Khmer culture in
14 Georgia and around the world; and

15 WHEREAS, Cambodians have used their cultural history and traditions to rebuild lives, and
16 in the process, they have inspired hope and strengthened their identity by working to create
17 the third "Cambodia Town" in the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, Cambodians celebrate their New Year cultural activities and traditions, drawing
19 thousands of people to observe and participate, and thus creating opportunities for
20 meaningful cultural exchange and diversity; and

21 WHEREAS, Saturday, April 4, 2015, is Cambodian-American Heritage Day across the great
22 State of Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to become familiar with Cambodian history and
24 culture and the many ways its contributions have helped commemorate strength and
25 endurance for the Cambodian people.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize February 12, 2015, as Cambodian-American Heritage
28 Day at the state capitol and invite Venerable Son Sen, Venerable Saran Brach, Chhoeung
29 Nem, Randy Muth, and Soeurn Chap to be recognized by the House of Representatives at
30 a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
33 Venerable Son Sen, Venerable Saran Brach, Chhoeung Nem, Randy Muth, and Soeurn Chap.