

House Resolution 554

By: Representatives Evans of the 57th, Cheokas of the 138th, Efstration of the 104th, Holcomb of the 81st, Wilson of the 80th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 25, 2021, as Greek Bicentennial Independence Day; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 25, 1821, the Greek Revolution began against the Ottoman Empire;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, on March 25, 2021, Greece held its bicentennial celebration of independence;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, generations of people of Greek descent have immigrated to the State of Georgia
8 for over a century; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia was the birthplace of the American Hellenic Educational
10 Progressive Association (AHEPA); and

11 WHEREAS, AHEPA was established to combat anti-immigrant sentiments during the 1920s
12 and aid in the assimilation of the Greeks in America; and

13 WHEREAS, the Greek Orthodox Church has been established in Atlanta, Georgia, for over
14 a century; and

15 WHEREAS, the Greek Orthodox archbishop of North and South America Iakovos was the
16 only leader of a major non-African American religion to walk with Dr. Martin Luther King
17 Jr. in Selma, Alabama; and

18 WHEREAS, Georgia's Greek population has contributed significantly to the economy,
19 politics, and culture of the state; and

20 WHEREAS, over 20,000 people of Greek descent currently live in the State of Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, Georgia's Greek population takes immense pride in their heritage and their love
22 of their state and country.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize March 25, 2021, as Greek Bicentennial Independence
25 Day.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 public and the press.