

House Resolution 88

By: Representatives Cheokas of the 138th, Efstration of the 104th, Burns of the 159th, Beverly of the 143rd, LaRiccia of the 169th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and celebrating March 25, 2021, as the bicentennial anniversary of Greek
2 Independence Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Greek Independence Day is a national holiday celebrated annually in Greece
4 and among Greeks of the diaspora and philhellenes in all parts of the world, including Greek
5 Americans; March 25, 2021, marks the 200th anniversary of Greece's declaration of
6 independence in 1821 from nearly 400 years of oppressive Ottoman Muslim Turkish rule;
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8 WHEREAS, Greece's independence was the result of Hellenes who, inspired by the founding
9 fathers of the American Revolution, came together and restored democracy to where it was
10 born, which became the inspiration for the American form of government; and

11 WHEREAS, this year's bicentennial anniversary celebration also recognizes the governments
12 and people of Greece and the United States who are united in their efforts to advance
13 freedom, democracy, peace, and human rights and have stood side-by-side as allies in every
14 major international conflict; and

15 WHEREAS, the American ambassador to Greece, Geoffrey Platt, effusively acknowledged
16 that "US-Greek relations are the best they've been in modern history [and] Greece's 2021
17 bicentennial is an opportunity to celebrate this history and the values of liberty and
18 democracy our peoples have defended for over 200 years"; and

19 WHEREAS, the Greek people who immigrated to the United States are now counted as
20 valuable members of this nation who have enriched this country through their contributions
21 as leaders of culture, community, business, and government, all the while still proudly
22 recognizing the history and culture of their Greek homeland and of their first ancestors; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for the citizens of Georgia to join their Greek
24 American friends and neighbors in recognizing March 25, 2021, as the 200th anniversary of
25 Greek Independence Day.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize March 25, 2021, as the bicentennial anniversary of
28 Greek Independence Day and join the citizens of this state in celebrating this historic event.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 Government of Greece through American emissaries at the Atlanta Greek Consulate and the
32 Greek Embassy in Washington, D.C.