

The House Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs offers the following substitute to SB 276:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 holidays and observances, so as to designate a Purple Heart Day; to amend Article 3 of
3 Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state
4 symbols, so as to provide that Georgia shall be a "Purple Heart State"; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

10 "1-4-21.

11 (a) August 7 of every year is designated as 'Purple Heart Day.'

12 (b) The Governor may annually issue a proclamation designating August 7 as 'Purple
13 Heart Day.' Public officials, schools, private organizations, and all residents of this state
14 are encouraged to commemorate Purple Heart Day and honor those wounded or killed
15 while serving in any branch of the United States Armed Services."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other
18 state symbols, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

19 "50-3-86.

20 Georgia is designated as a 'Purple Heart State,' honoring our combat wounded veterans for
21 their service and sacrifice in allowing the United States of America to maintain its
22 sovereignty."

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.