

Senate Bill 498

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Mullis of the 53rd and Albers of the 56th

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 declare A Day of Prayer and Remembrance for First  
3 Responders; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

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

9 "1-4-23.

10 (a) The General Assembly recognizes that:

11 (1) On September 11, 2001, a group or groups committed unprecedented and heretofore  
12 unimagined acts of war against the United States of America and its citizens;

13 (2) Billy Sparks wrote 'Prayer for America' in honor and memory of the 2,977 innocent  
14 victims of September 11, including 2,753 in the World Trade Center, 184 at the Pentagon,  
15 and 40 passengers and crew aboard United Flight 93 which crashed in Shanksville,  
16 Pennsylvania;

17 (3) The anniversary of this tragic event reminds us that first responders put their lives on  
18 the line each and every day;

19 (4) All Americans should stand united to honor those who honor us by their service and  
20 dedication to protect our lives; and

21 (5) September 11 each year will no longer be remembered as the day the Towers fell, but  
22 will forever be known as the day America stood up.

23 (b) September 11 of each year is declared to be 'A Day of Prayer and Remembrance for  
24 First Responders.'"

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2020.

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.