

Senate Resolution 792

By: Senators Still of the 48th, Dolezal of the 27th, Dixon of the 45th, Harrell of the 40th, Albers of the 56th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 1, 2024, as Diwali Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Diwali is one of the most important and ancient holidays, celebrated by more  
3 than 1 billion people of different cultures and religions across the world, and has been in  
4 existence for more than 5,000 years; and

5 WHEREAS, there are more than 200,000 people in Georgia and millions of Americans  
6 across the country who observe Diwali every year; and

7 WHEREAS, Diwali symbolizes the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and  
8 knowledge over ignorance; and

9 WHEREAS, the festival holds deep cultural, religious, and social significance as well as  
10 marks a time of renewal, reflection, and the triumph of positivity in the face of adversity.  
11 Diwali is also known as a time for dana and seva - giving of charity and selfless service to  
12 our fellow humans; and

13 WHEREAS, during Diwali, families and communities come together to illuminate their  
14 homes with diyas (oil lamps) and vibrant decorations, creating a warm and welcoming  
15 atmosphere that fosters unity and togetherness; and

16 WHEREAS, the diverse traditions associated with Diwali, including the exchange of sweets,  
17 the worship of deities, and the bursting of fireworks, contribute to the rich tapestry of our  
18 global cultural heritage; and

19 WHEREAS, Diwali serves as a reminder of the importance of compassion, generosity, and  
20 the pursuit of knowledge in building harmonious societies; and

21 WHEREAS, Georgia has long been a place that welcomes, honors, and supports the diverse  
22 array of practices, beliefs, and traditions among its citizens.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 recognize November 1, 2024, as Diwali Day.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
26 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
27 press.