

Senate Resolution 882

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Jones of the 10th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Weeping Time Commemoration Committee and recognizing the first  
2 weekend in March as "The Weeping Time Weekend"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Weeping Time Commemoration Committee consists of the Organization  
4 to Commemorate Enslaved African Americans Inc., Ivory Bay CDC, West Savannah  
5 residents, Journey by Faith, Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission, Otis  
6 J. Brock III Elementary School, Georgia Historical Society, WCLK-Clark Atlanta  
7 University, Yahshua University Ministries and BHBP News, Solomon Temple Church of  
8 God in Christ, Brunswick Georgia African American Cultural Center, Lower Altamaha  
9 Historical Society, and former Mayor of the City of Savannah Dr. Otis S. Johnson; and

10 WHEREAS, the Weeping Time Commemoration Committee will observe and commemorate  
11 the Weeping Time on March 7–8, 2020; and

12 WHEREAS, the Weeping Time took place on March 2–3, 1859, in the West Savannah  
13 neighborhood of Savannah, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, enslaved people were brought from Butler Island near Darien, Georgia, and the  
15 Hampton Plantation, St. Simon Island, Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, there were 429 men, women, and children sold in Savannah, Georgia, at the Ten  
17 Broeck racecourse; and

18 WHEREAS, this event, known as the Weeping Time, is the largest recorded slave auction  
19 held in the history of the United States of America.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 commend the Weeping Time Commemoration Committee and recognize the first weekend  
22 in March as "The Weeping Time Weekend."

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
24 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Weeping Time  
25 Commemoration Committee.