

House Resolution 901

By: Representative Murphy of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 200th Anniversary of the United States Military Academy; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 16, 2002, the United States Military Academy in West Point, New
4 York will celebrate its 200th anniversary and the legacy of leadership this great educational
5 institution has produced throughout our nation's history; and

6 WHEREAS, the original Congressional Act establishing West Point in 1802 was signed by
7 President Thomas Jefferson after ensuring that the cadets attending the academy would be
8 representative of a democratic society; and

9 WHEREAS, civil engineering was the central focus of the early academic curriculum given
10 the desire to eliminate America's wartime reliance on foreign engineers and artilleryists, and
11 the Academy emerged as an institution devoted to the arts and sciences of warfare; and

12 WHEREAS, West Point graduates have dominated the highest ranks of the nation's military
13 command since the Revolutionary War, and the rigorous curriculum of the Academy is the
14 first step in the continuing career education expected of today's military leaders; and

15 WHEREAS, Academy graduates distinguished themselves always on the battlefields and
16 impressively met the challenges and the intense physical demands of modern warfare; and
17 they have contributed as well to the business, scholarship, and civic sectors of society; and

18 WHEREAS, the long noble history of the Academy continues to attract the nation's best and
19 brightest young people and instills lifelong commitments to Duty, Honor, and Country.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 GEORGIA that this body recognizes the Bicentennial of the United States Military Academy
22 and salutes its illustrious heritage.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Superintendent of the
3 Military Academy.