

House Resolution 906

By: Representatives Teague of the 58th, Mobley of the 69th, Brooks of the 54th, Anderson of the 116th and Mangham of the 75th

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the nineteenth day of June of each year as "Juneteenth Celebration Day" in
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Emancipation Proclamation became effective on January 1, 1863, and
4 General Lee surrendered in April, 1865, officially ending the Civil War; and

5 WHEREAS, news of the Emancipation Proclamation and the end of the Civil War did not
6 reach Texas until June 19, 1865, when Major General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston,
7 Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, on that evening, thousands of former slaves flooded the streets of Galveston,
9 rejoicing in the news of their freedom; and

10 WHEREAS, the nineteenth day of June has been celebrated as "Juneteenth" to commemorate
11 the events of June 19, 1865, and celebrations have occurred in at least 43 states; and

12 WHEREAS, "Juneteenth" has been designated as a state holiday in Texas and Oklahoma.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 GEORGIA that the nineteenth day of June in each year shall be designated as "Juneteenth
15 Celebration Day" in Georgia to commemorate the events of June 19, 1865.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that citizens of Georgia are encouraged to observe the
17 nineteenth of June as "Juneteenth Celebration Day" with appropriate programs and
18 celebrations.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to interested organizations and
21 to the owners or operators of newspapers, magazines, radio stations, and television stations.