

## Senate Resolution 775

By: Senators Hecht of the 34th, Brown of the 26th, Harbison of the 15th, Thomas of the 2nd, Fort of the 39th and others

**ADOPTED SENATE**

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Georgians for Victim Justice Day at the State Capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgians for Victim Justice advocates for the rights and unmet needs of crime  
3 victims and their families and is a statewide nonprofit organization established in September  
4 of 1984 and composed of citizens from all walks of life concerned about justice; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the criminal justice system has traditionally concentrated on the substantive and  
6 procedural rights of the accused and public awareness of the issues facing crime victims was  
7 limited until grassroots efforts were launched to educate citizens and assist victims; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Georgia's group includes advocates, law enforcement officers, and prosecuting  
9 attorneys and has secured victims a greater stake in the judicial process; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Georgia's victims compensation legislation was enacted in the late 1980's and  
11 proposed legislation seeks to raise the cap and broaden eligibility while other measures seek  
12 periodic information updates for the families of murder victims; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the accomplishments and goals of this advocacy organization concerned about  
14 the rights of Georgia crime victims, their families, and witnesses are highly commendable.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
16 endorse the dedication and efforts of Georgians for Victim Justice and recognize  
17 February 28, 2002, as Georgians for Victim Justice Day at the State Capitol.
- 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Cynthia L. Doss.