

House Resolution 567

By: Representative Mangham of the 62nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating March 24, 2003, as Faith Collaboration Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has a rich heritage of diverse faiths that are committed to
3 identifying and helping those in need; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the diversity of Georgia's citizens is growing as we welcome people from
5 around the world who bring with them a diversity of faith expressions; and
- 6 WHEREAS, faith organizations can bring the wisdom of their traditions, the unique
7 perspectives of their communities, and specific resources to address needs from preventing
8 domestic violence to providing job training to the unemployed; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia seeks to expand its partnerships with faith-based and
10 community organizations in fulfilling the federal law of "Charitable Choice" and supports
11 legislators, spiritual leaders, community activists, and business leaders to ensure that fairness
12 exists for faith-based organizations seeking equal access to government funding as they serve
13 their communities; and
- 14 WHEREAS, collaborative partnerships among diverse communities are effective in meeting
15 human needs; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Georgia faith-based and community organizations can assist in identifying and
17 meeting these needs while respecting an individual's religious beliefs or lack thereof by
18 offering social services and programs in compliance with the executive orders of President
19 George W. Bush pertaining to faith-based and community initiatives.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 March 24, 2003, is designated as Faith Collaboration Day in Georgia.