

Senate Resolution 361

By: Senators Williams of the 19th, Crofts of the 17th, Tolleson of the 18th and Blich of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 To recognize May 1, 2003, as Loyalty Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, as a salute to patriotism, which is the "unswerving devotion to the liberties
3 embodied in our Constitution," President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in the year of our Lord
4 nineteen hundred and fifty-five, established May 1st of each year as Loyalty Day; and

5 WHEREAS, President Woodrow Wilson said, "Loyalty means nothing unless it has at its
6 heart the absolute principle of self-sacrifice"; and

7 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush has declared that, "Loyalty Day provides an
8 opportunity to recognize those who demonstrate their commitment to our country through
9 service and sacrifice" and further stated that, "for our military personnel, loyalty and
10 dedication is a way of life. The men and women of our armed forces embody loyalty as they
11 work to protect our ideals. Today, our military is again responding to the call of duty with
12 courage and pride. These brave individuals who risk their lives fighting terror honor those
13 who have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the American people"; and

14 WHEREAS, it is fitting during this time of war that a special day be set aside for solemn
15 remembrance of the sacrifice of the men and women in our armed forces; and

16 WHEREAS, the citizens of Georgia are seeking special ways to honor our service men and
17 women and their families with suitable ceremonies on the Saturdays before and after May 1st
18 in locations around the state and will call upon the Lord's favor toward our sons and
19 daughters on foreign soil; and

20 WHEREAS, these events are scheduled for Saturday, April 26, in Covington, at the Town
21 Square from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon and also on April 26, in Waycross, at the
22 Okefenokee Fairgrounds from 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. and also on Saturday, May 3, in
23 Perry, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds from 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 recognize May 1, 2003, as the national observance of Loyalty Day and call upon Georgians
3 to join with their neighbors to take part in honoring our troops on any of these
4 above-mentioned days.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the appropriate parties who have
7 organized these rallies across the state.