

House Resolution 826

By: Representative Forster of the 3rd, Post 1

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Veteran's History Day in Fort Oglethorpe and the 103rd annual reunion of the
2 6th United States Cavalry; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1898, Camp Thomas was created in Catoosa County to train cavalry troops
4 to meet the needs of the Spanish-American War; and

5 WHEREAS, after the war, the United States Army realized that permanent training posts
6 were needed for cavalry troops and replaced Camp Thomas with Fort Oglethorpe in 1904,
7 named for the founder of the Georgia colony, James Oglethorpe; and

8 WHEREAS, Fort Oglethorpe was used as the home of the 3rd, 7th, 10th, 11th, and 12th
9 Cavalry prior to World War I and numerous prominent military leaders served there
10 including John J. Pershing and Dwight David Eisenhower; and

11 WHEREAS, after World War II, the Army declared Fort Oglethorpe to be surplus property
12 and it was sold to the public. At that time a group of citizens organized an effort to create
13 a town where the fort had been and, in 1949, Fort Oglethorpe was chartered, becoming the
14 first new town created in Georgia in 25 years; and

15 WHEREAS, the 6th Cavalry was formed in 1863 by President Lincoln and was stationed
16 near Washington, D.C., during the Civil War. On July 4, 1919, the 6th Cavalry was
17 permanently posted at Fort Oglethorpe where it remained until 1942; and

18 WHEREAS, the illustrious history of Fort Oglethorpe and its contributions to our country's
19 defense and the dedicated service of the men and women of the United States Army who
20 served there, especially those serving with the 6th Cavalry, will be celebrated again this year
21 on Veteran's History Day on June 7, 2003, and through the 103rd annual reunion of the 6th
22 Cavalry.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body recognize and commend the citizens of Fort Oglethorpe for their
3 remembrance of veterans and their sacrifices on behalf of this nation and extend their best
4 wishes to the members of the 6th Cavalry attending their 103rd reunion.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the governing authority of
7 the City of Fort Oglethorpe.