

House Resolution 828

By: Representatives Fludd of the 48th, Post 4, and Coleman of the 118th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the National Day of Prayer; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer tradition predates the founding of the United States
3 when the Continental Congress issued a proclamation setting aside a day of prayer in 1775;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, in 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer and, in 1988, that law
6 was amended, designating the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May; and

7 WHEREAS, as America experiences war, millions of people plan to gather at courthouses,
8 in businesses, around school flagpoles, inside places of worship and stadiums to participate
9 in the fifty-second annual National Day of Prayer on May 1; and

10 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush and all 50 governors are expected to sign
11 proclamations setting aside the first Thursday in May as a day of intercession for the nation;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Righteousness Exalts A Nation," is based on Proverbs 14:34:
14 "Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a disgrace to any people"; and

15 WHEREAS, for the third year in a row, people are being asked to pray at noon, wherever
16 they are, as a sign of unity before God; and

17 WHEREAS, over 30,000 coordinators and volunteers will organize prayer observances in
18 all 50 states, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico; most events will take place in public venues
19 and incorporate the "Prayer for the Nation"; and

20 WHEREAS, it is important for Americans to openly unite in religious expression, not only
21 to show America's dependence on God but also to exercise our First Amendment rights; and

1 WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer provides an opportunity for the community of faith
2 to take advantage of our freedom to worship and keep the Lord in the public arena.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body recognize the National Day of Prayer on May 1, 2003, and call
5 upon Georgians to join in this important observance.