

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.