

House Resolution 867

By: Representative Stephens of the 123<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Liberty Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the International Association of Lions Clubs is promoting the recognition of  
3 Liberty Day throughout each of the states as a nonpartisan celebration of our nation's  
4 Declaration of Independence and the freedoms embraced in our Constitution; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States Congress adopted a concurrent resolution in the year 2000  
6 expressing support for a Liberty Day to recognize the rights and liberties rooted in the  
7 cherished documents that gave birth to our nation, particularly the Bill of Rights; and

8 WHEREAS, the distinguished American patriot, philosopher, and statesman James Madison  
9 wrote many of the articles known as the *Federalist Papers* which endorsed the new  
10 Constitution and provided sound support for our form of government; and

11 WHEREAS, as a member of the First Congress of the United States, James Madison  
12 introduced the Bill of Rights, whereupon the first ten amendments to the Constitution were  
13 adopted as enduring liberties inherently held by all; and

14 WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Americans celebrate the freedoms, inalienable rights, and  
15 liberties that are profoundly expressed in the Declaration of Independence and in our  
16 Constitution and that we pay tribute to the political principles and values that have been the  
17 foundation for our great nation.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body endorse the celebration of our nation's Declaration of Independence  
20 and our federal Constitution and encourage schools and communities to recognize Liberty  
21 Day in Georgia.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Charles H. Shurtleff,
- 3 Georgia Liberty Day Coordinator for the International Association of Lions Clubs.