

House Resolution 1084

By: Representatives Birdsong of the 104th, Warren of the 99th, Roberts of the 135th, Sims of the 130th, Heath of the 18th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending all World War II Veterans, the home front, and their families; to recognize
2 May 24-30, 2004, as Georgia's "Tribute to Its World War II Generation"; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, America fought World War II from December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946,
5 its official ending date; and it is understood that America's resources and efforts toward its
6 Allies were ongoing during the 1930s and leading up to Pearl Harbor; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia has always provided its best and brightest sons and daughters to serve
8 in our country's wars and during peace time; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia contributed 324,373 of its men and women to serve during World
10 War II; and thus had 6,781 killed in action, 11,650 wounded in action, 652 held as prisoners
11 of war, and 364 still unaccounted for; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia dedicated its State World War II Memorial on December 7, 1995,
13 listing 6,781 names of its KIAs and other data, maps, and quotes; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgians understand that "Freedom Is Not Free" and that all generations have
15 offered themselves to serve in harm's way, thus embracing John 15:13; and all of this state's
16 World War II veterans, the home front, and their families are to be highly commended for
17 their service, sacrifice, and devotion to duty during a most trying time in America's and the
18 world's history; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia has 97,796 living World War II veterans, with their families; and
20 America is going to dedicate its National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., on
21 Saturday, May 29, 2004; and Georgia, as a state government, made a direct contribution of
22 \$324,373; and

1 WHEREAS, the Georgia Veterans Leadership Program desires to ensure that Georgia
2 properly recognizes this generation through enhancing their registration with the memorial,
3 helping them to attend the D.C. ceremony if they wish and can, and helping all of Georgia's
4 cities, counties, and other entities to recognize them in their local ceremonies; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia's own Commissioner Pete Wheeler, Georgia Department of Veterans
6 Service, has served as chairman of the National World War II Memorial Advisory Board
7 since 1994 and is still currently serving in that capacity.

8 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body highly commend all World War II Veterans, the home front, and
10 their families for their outstanding service to Georgia, America, and the world.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend the May 29, 2004, dedication of
12 America's World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., and the Georgia Veterans
13 Leadership Program's efforts to ensure this "Greatest Generation" is properly recognized.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we designate May 24-30, 2004, as Georgia's "Tribute
15 to Its World War II Generation"; and encourage all coordinating agencies, organizations, and
16 associations to work together in planning and hosting these events in honor of our World
17 War II veterans.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Veterans
20 Leadership Program, Inc.