

House Resolution 1286

By: Representatives Jenkins of the 93rd and McCall of the 78th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek and commending the
2 Kettle Creek Chapter of the Georgia Society, Daughters of the American Revolution; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Battle of Kettle Creek, fought on February 14, 1779, was one of the most
5 important battles of the Revolutionary War in Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, at a time when Georgia was almost completely under British control, Colonel
7 Boyd with 600 British sympathizers crossed the Savannah River into present day Elbert
8 County enroute to the British Army, which was then at Augusta; and

9 WHEREAS, Patriots Colonel Andrew Pickens, with 200 South Carolina militia, and Colonel
10 John Dooly and Lieutenant Colonel Elijah Clark, with 140 Georgia militia, marched to
11 overtake the Loyalists; and

12 WHEREAS, with Boyd and his men camped at a bend in the then flooded Kettle Creek, the
13 Patriots attacked and a desperate battle raged on both sides of the creek for three hours before
14 the Loyalists finally broke and fled; and

15 WHEREAS, Colonel Pickens later wrote that Kettle Creek "was the severest check and
16 chastisement the Tories ever received in South Carolina or Georgia."

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 this body hereby commemorates the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek and
19 recognizes and commends the Kettle Creek Chapter of the Georgia Society, Daughters of the
20 American Revolution for its efforts in preserving the memory of this important event in the
21 history of Georgia and the United States of America.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Kettle Creek Chapter of the Georgia
- 3 Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.