

House Resolution 1396

By: Representatives Purcell of the 122nd and Stephens of the 123rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing "Effingham County Day"; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Effingham County, located in southeast Georgia, borders on the Savannah River
3 and offers genteel living reminiscent of the Old South combined with proximity to the many
4 attractions of historic Savannah, which is located just 20 miles to the southeast; and

5 WHEREAS, Effingham County, which is made up of three incorporated municipalities,
6 Rincon, Springfield, and Guyton, and several smaller communities, such as Blandford, Clyo,
7 Ebenezer, Eden, Egypt, Faulkville, Hodgeville, Marlow, Meldrim, Pineora, Shawnee, and
8 Stillwell, owes much of its character to the Austrian and German settlers who populated the
9 area in the early eighteenth century; and

10 WHEREAS, these settlers were industrious and hard-working people who gave Georgia its
11 first orphanage, first school, first grist mill, first saw mill, and first rice mill, as well as
12 producing the state's first governor, Austrian-born John Adam Treutlen; and

13 WHEREAS, at the site of the historic town of Ebenezer stands Jerusalem Lutheran Church.
14 Built in 1769, it is the oldest church or public building in this state. The old cemetery
15 adjoining the church dates back to the very early days of Ebenezer and is said to be the oldest
16 cemetery still in use in this state; and

17 WHEREAS, while the county presents many dynamic opportunities and has grown steadily
18 in population, much of the beauty those early settlers enjoyed can still be seen, and the
19 county presents residents and visitors a quiet and relaxed way of life with many recreational
20 activities; and

21 WHEREAS, the citizens of Effingham County are justly proud of their community, its past,
22 and its many contributions to the state, and it is only proper to recognize "Effingham County
23 Day."

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body recognize "Effingham County Day" on February 23, 2004, and
3 welcome the residents of Effingham County to the state capitol.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the press, the public, and
6 Doug Morgan, president of the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce.