

House Resolution 1442

By: Representatives Powell of the 23rd, Royal of the 140th, Skipper of the 116th, Parrish of the 102nd, Buck of the 112th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April of each year as Confederate History and Heritage Month; urging schools
2 to commemorate the time of Southern independence; designating the John B. Gordon statue
3 on the state capitol building grounds as Georgia's Confederate Memorial; designating the
4 1956 – 2001 Georgia flag as the "Georgia Memorial Flag"; calling for the 1956 – 2001
5 Georgia flag to be flown over the state capitol building on Confederate Memorial Day and
6 Robert E. Lee's birthday; and for other purposes.

7 WHEREAS, the Confederate Era is among the most significant periods in the history of the
8 United States and the State of Georgia, having both historical importance and personal
9 significance to many Georgians; and

10 WHEREAS, April 26 of each year is recognized pursuant to Georgia law as Confederate
11 Memorial Day; and

12 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that an enduring memorial should be created in recognition of
13 this unique chapter of American and Southern history.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 GEORGIA that April of each year is designated as Confederate History and Heritage Month.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that schools are urged to commemorate the period of
17 Southern independence during April of each year.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the area surrounding the John B. Gordon statue on the
19 grounds of the state capitol building is designated as the Georgia Confederate Memorial and
20 an appropriate monument, designed by the Civil War Commission, shall be placed in the
21 designated area.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the site selected and the design of the monument shall
2 be approved by the State Properties Commission.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds to design and construct the monument shall
4 be raised solely through voluntary contributions to the Civil War Commission. The
5 commission is authorized to solicit and accept gifts, donations, and grants in furtherance of
6 this purpose and to work cooperatively with any private group, organization, association, or
7 corporation having the same general purpose as the commission.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon completion of the commission's work, the
9 Governor shall be authorized to accept and provide for the dedication of the Georgia
10 Confederate Memorial monument to be placed on the grounds of the state capitol building.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 1956 – 2001 Georgia flag is designated as the
12 "Georgia Memorial Flag" and shall be flown over the state capitol building on Confederate
13 Memorial Day and Robert E. Lee's birthday.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
15 to make appropriate copies of this resolution widely available as appropriate to encourage
16 and promote the observation of April as Confederate History and Heritage Month.