

The Senate Rules Committee offered the following substitute to SR 856:

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; and for other
4 purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to make
10 appropriate copies of this resolution widely available as appropriate to encourage and
11 promote the observation of April as Confederate History and Heritage Month.