

House Resolution 992

By: Representative Cheokas of the 134th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Atlanta Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the
2 Annunciation; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the first immigrants from the country of Greece came to Atlanta, Georgia, in
4 the late 1890's; and

5 WHEREAS, one of the first acts of this immigrant group was to establish a church which
6 was formally chartered on September 5, 1905, as the Atlanta Greek Orthodox Church of the
7 Annunciation; and

8 WHEREAS, the church's first services were in a room above a retail store on Whitehall
9 Street and then later in a church building on Garnett Street; and

10 WHEREAS, the growth of the Atlanta Greek community required another move to a much
11 larger location on Pryor Street, a site which served the religious, cultural, and educational
12 needs of the Greek Orthodox community for almost five decades; and

13 WHEREAS, the continuing expansion of this vibrant church necessitated its members to
14 build their own church and education center on property on Clairmont Road in DeKalb
15 County where it continues its ministry today as the Atlanta Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the
16 Annunciation; and

17 WHEREAS, what began as a small group of newly arrived Greek immigrants is now the
18 spiritual center for the more than 10,000 Orthodox Christians in Atlanta and throughout the
19 rest of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, this year of our Lord 2005 marks the Centennial Anniversary of the first Greek
21 Orthodox Church in Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation is celebrating its
2 100th anniversary throughout this year and this community welcomes the citizens of Georgia
3 to join in the celebration.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body join in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Atlanta Greek
6 Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation and extend to each of its members sincere best
7 wishes for health and happiness in the years to come.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Atlanta Greek Orthodox
10 Cathedral of the Annunciation.