

Senate Resolution 844

By: Senator Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Recognizing May 1st through 7th as "Bluegrass Music Week in Georgia"; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, born in the mountains of Kentucky and East Tennessee, bluegrass music has  
4 spread throughout the southeast and is rapidly gaining popularity in our own North Georgia  
5 Mountains; and

6 WHEREAS, a truly all-American musical genre, bluegrass music is proudly all-acoustic,  
7 save for microphones, and at its purest form, is performed using only six instruments (the  
8 five string banjo, guitar, mandolin, fiddle, dobro, and bass fiddle), as defined by the Society  
9 for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America; and

10 WHEREAS, bluegrass music festivals are known for providing clean and wholesome family  
11 fun; and

12 WHEREAS, during the first week of May, the Lewis Family of Lincolnton, Georgia, known  
13 as the "First Family of Bluegrass Gospel Music," will be holding their Lewis Family  
14 Homecoming Bluegrass Festival; and

15 WHEREAS, family member Little Roy Lewis has perhaps done more than anyone to  
16 promote bluegrass in Georgia, and he and his family have been entertaining Georgians for  
17 many years; and

18 WHEREAS, the rise of bluegrass music in Georgia has greatly enriched our cultural  
19 landscape, and it would be most fitting to designate a special week to celebrate this beautiful  
20 musical art form.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 GEORGIA that the members of this body recognize May 1-7, 2006, as "Bluegrass Music  
3 Week in Georgia."

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Society for the Preservation of  
6 Bluegrass Music of America.