

House Resolution 2079

By: Representative McCall of the 30th

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.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize May 1-7, 2006, as "Bluegrass Music Week in Georgia."

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Society for the
- 3 Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America.