

House Bill 387

By: Representatives Loudermilk of the 14th, Keen of the 179th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Fleming of the 117th, Roberts of the 154th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 holidays and observances, so as to make certain findings; to provide for annual observance
3 of "Georgia Day"; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 WHEREAS, on February 12, 1883, the HMS Anne arrived on the coast of what is now
7 Savannah, and a company of settlers, under the command of James Edward Oglethorpe,
8 disembarked in an area known as Yamacraw Bluff, where they immediately set up tents and
9 began the grand experiment which would become the colony and later the State of Georgia;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, it is not merely important but imperative that all who now enjoy the results of
12 the hardship and labor of those early settlers set aside a day of remembrance and
13 thanksgiving for their sacrifices.

14 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

15 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and
16 observances, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

17 "1-4-17.

18 The twelfth day of February in each year is declared to be 'Georgia Day,' as the anniversary
19 of the landing of the first colonists in Georgia under Oglethorpe."

20 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.