

Senate Resolution 419

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging public schools to observe Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on February 12, 1733, the HMS *Anne* arrived on the coast of what is now
3 Savannah, and a company of settlers, under the command of James Edward Oglethorpe,
4 disembarked in an area known as Yamacraw Bluff, where they immediately set up tents and
5 began the grand experiment which would become the colony and later the State of Georgia;
6 and

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

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
11 urge all public elementary and secondary schools in this state to observe the twelfth day of
12 February of each year, under the name of "Georgia Day," as the anniversary of the landing
13 of the first colonists in Georgia under Oglethorpe. The local boards of education are urged
14 to encourage the teachers of the schools under their supervision to conduct on that day
15 exercises in which the pupils shall take part, consisting of written compositions, readings,
16 recitations, addresses, or other exercises appropriate to the various grade levels, relating to
17 this state and its history and to the lives of distinguished Georgians. When such date falls
18 on a day which is not a school day, Georgia Day shall be observed on the following school
19 day.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.