

Senate Resolution 1418

By: Senator Harp of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Patriots of the American Revolution and recognizing April 19, 2010, as
2 Patriots Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, April 19, 1775, marks a significant day in the history and founding of our great
4 nation; and

5 WHEREAS, on this date, British regular troops assembled with the intent of confiscating
6 local militia's arms in the town of Concord, Massachusetts; and

7 WHEREAS, in the early morning hours a call to arms was sounded by Paul Revere, William
8 Dawes, and Dr. Samuel Prescott, by riding on horseback through the countryside and
9 warning of this imminent act of suppression; and

10 WHEREAS, minutemen, militia, and colonists responded to this alarm by assembling at the
11 Village Green in Lexington and at the North Bridge in Concord to resist the advance of the
12 British; and

13 WHEREAS, the ensuing engagement led to the "Shot heard 'round the world," by determined
14 militia, and news of these events led to a galvanization of public opinion in favor of the
15 American Colonies gaining independence from Great Britain; and

16 WHEREAS, three years later, on April 19, 1778, Colonel Samuel Elbert, commanding three
17 Georgia Navy galleys, *Lee*, *Washington*, and *Bulloch*, encountered three British ships in the
18 Frederica River near St. Simons Island; and

19 WHEREAS, after five hours of naval action, the British ships were captured by Colonel
20 Elbert and the Georgia Navy, a victory which boosted the morale of all Georgia patriots and
21 caused the British to delay their invasion of Georgia by more than eight months; and

22 WHEREAS, Patriots Day serves to remind citizens of our Revolution and the sacrifices
23 endured during the years of struggle for American independence.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 join in recognizing April 19, 2010, as Patriots Day in commemoration of the War of the
26 American Revolution and the struggle for independence, commend the brave Patriots who
27 sacrificed for freedom, and request that all Georgians become more knowledgeable of the
28 role the Revolution has played in the history of our great nation and state.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to members of the public and the press.