

Senate Resolution 169

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Johnson of the 1st, Hill of the 4th, Chapman of the 3rd, Hooks of the 14th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing February 7, 2009, as a Day of Remembrance; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in the tragedy at the sugar refinery plant in Port Wentworth, Georgia, on
3 February 7, 2008, many beloved Georgia citizens of all heritages lost their lives and
4 sustained physical, emotional, and psychological injuries; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to forge ahead to recover from this great loss,
6 and the steadfast and strong spirit of the local community and surrounding areas has been
7 revitalized and given way to numerous expressions of heroism and spiritual healing; and
- 8 WHEREAS, February 7, 2009, marks the one-year anniversary since the tragic event and the
9 State of Georgia shares in the grief and remembrance; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in honor of those involved in the sugar refinery tragedy, all citizens are
11 encouraged to honor the victims of February 7, 2008, by committing themselves through
12 volunteerism, community involvement, and service; and
- 13 WHEREAS, as the citizens of Georgia dedicate our time, talents, and energy to lift one
14 another up and foster a new level of understanding and awareness, let us honor the memory
15 of all those who died by being of service to one another and by building the stronger, more
16 perfect union our founding fathers called for.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 extend our deepest condolences to those whose lives will forever be changed by this most
19 devastating event and salute the heroism of public safety and rescue workers, volunteers,
20 local officials, clergy, and those who responded to this tragic event with courage, selfless
21 compassion, determination, and skill.

- 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes February 7, 2009, as a Day of
23 Remembrance on the anniversary of this tragedy and vow to rededicate ourselves to safety.