

House Resolution 551

By: Representatives Smyre of the 132nd, Smith of the 129th, Smith of the 131st, Hugley of the 133rd, and Buckner of the 130th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing March 10, 2009, as Columbus Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Columbus region of Georgia is known for its fantastic visitor attractions,
3 expansive economic growth and development, and beautiful natural landscapes; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the greater Columbus region is preparing for dramatic growth with the moving
5 of the Armor School in Fort Knox to Fort Benning, which will bring an enormous increase
6 in population to the area; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the region is known for its public and private partnerships that have generated
8 success for the area with projects such as the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts and the
9 Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority; and
- 10 WHEREAS, for nearly 15 years, the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce has
11 journeyed to larger cities around the country to learn how to improve the Columbus area and
12 identify what steps can be taken to foster growth and development; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the community is working towards highlighting one of the largest class four
14 white water rapids on the Chattahoochee to attract eco-tourists to the area from around the
15 globe; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Columbus is home to numerous national and international companies, including
17 Aflac, Carmike Cinemas, Fort Benning, Synovus, TSYS, and the W.C. Bradley Company;
18 and
- 19 WHEREAS, the citizens of Columbus eagerly await the opening of the National Infantry
20 Museum this month which is expected to draw visitors from across the nation; and

21 WHEREAS, Columbus currently features exciting attractions such as the 15 mile Riverwalk,
22 the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, the Columbus Convention and Trade Center, the
23 Columbus Civic Center, the South Commons softball complex, historic Golden Park, a
24 skateboard park, the Columbus Museum, and the Springer Opera House; and

25 WHEREAS, the citizens of the Greater Columbus region are justly proud of their
26 community, its past, and its many contributions to this state, and it is only proper to
27 recognize March 10, 2009, as Columbus Day at the state capitol.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize March 10, 2009, as Columbus Day at the state capitol
30 and congratulate the Greater Columbus region on its many outstanding accomplishments.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Greater Columbus
33 Chamber of Commerce.