

Senate Bill 27

By: Senators Bulloch of the 11th, Heath of the 31st, Hill of the 4th, Pearson of the 51st,
Powell of the 23rd and others

AS PASSED SENATE

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 create Confederate Heritage and History Month; to
3 provide for legislative findings; to encourage observances and celebrations of Confederate
4 Heritage and History Month; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

10 "1-4-20.

11 (a) The General Assembly hereby finds and determines that tourism is a great economic
12 resource in Georgia; and historical, heritage, and cultural inheritance are among the tourism
13 industry's most popular attractions. Georgia's Confederate heritage, physical artifacts and
14 battle sites, and historic events and persons not only attract visitors, they are potentially of
15 even greater importance and benefit to our state's economy. Increased development of our
16 state's Confederate history and heritage as part of the tourism industry will be enhanced
17 through recognizing, celebrating, and advertising that heritage and history.

18 (b) The month of April of each year is hereby designated as Confederate History and
19 Heritage Month and shall be set aside to honor, observe, and celebrate the Confederate
20 States of America, its history, those who served in its armed forces and government, and
21 all those millions of its citizens of various races and ethnic groups and religions who
22 contributed in sundry and myriad ways to the cause which they held so dear from its
23 founding on February 4, 1861, in Montgomery, Alabama, until the Confederate ship CSS
24 Shenandoah sailed into Liverpool Harbor and surrendered to British authorities on
25 November 6, 1865.

26 (c) Officials and departments of state, county, and municipal governments, boards of
27 education, elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, businesses, and all
28 citizens are encouraged to participate in programs, displays, and activities that
29 commemorate and honor our shared history and cultural inheritance throughout each April
30 during Confederate History and Heritage Month."

31 **SECTION 2.**

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