

House Resolution 675

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the contributions of members of the clergy in Georgia; establishing an annual
2 Faith and Clergy Day at the Georgia State Capitol; and creating the Georgia Faith and Clergy
3 Day Commission; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Georgia is most fortunate to have a very diverse community of religious faiths
5 represented in its local communities throughout this great state; and

6 WHEREAS, the spiritual leaders of these various faiths provide tremendous comfort, hope,
7 support, and joy to individuals and families as they proceed through life, helping them to find
8 God's direction for the road ahead; and

9 WHEREAS, through their teachings, the clergy have inspired spiritual understanding and
10 peace to persons from all walks of life and for generations have reached out to nurture
11 persons in need of refuge and support along life's journey; and

12 WHEREAS, in each of the last six years, the occasion of Faith and Clergy Day at the
13 Georgia State Capitol has been observed; and

14 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to establish a continuing body and mechanism to coordinate
15 and facilitate the ongoing observation of Faith and Clergy Day at the Georgia State Capitol.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 GEORGIA that the third Tuesday in February of each year shall be designated as Faith and
18 Clergy Day at the Georgia State Capitol.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is created the Georgia Faith and Clergy Day
20 Commission to be composed of 12 members as follows: two members shall be private
21 citizens appointed by the Governor; two members shall be private citizens appointed by the
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives; two members shall be private citizens appointed

23 by the President of the Senate; and six members shall be from among those in attendance at
24 the Faith and Clergy Appreciation meeting held on March 3, 2008, to serve four-year terms
25 and to be replaced at an annual Faith and Clergy Appreciation meeting, or pursuant to bylaws
26 adopted by the commission. Each appointee shall serve for a term concurrent with that of
27 the appointing officer, and any vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired
28 term in the same manner. The Governor shall designate one of his appointees as chair of the
29 commission. The commission is empowered to provide for the annual observation of Faith
30 and Clergy Day at the Georgia State Capitol. Such observation shall be financed through
31 voluntary contributions, and no state funds shall be expended for the work of the
32 commission. The commission is authorized to accept any gift, donation, or grant in
33 furtherance of its purpose and is authorized to work with any private group, organization,
34 association, or corporation having for its purpose the same purpose as the commission
35 created in this resolution. The commission shall meet as soon as practicable after all
36 members have been designated. The commission shall have perpetual existence unless
37 dissolved by subsequent resolution of the General Assembly.