

House Resolution 924

By: Representatives Keen of the 179th, Hill of the 180th, and Lane of the 167th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing April 19 as Patriots Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, April 19, 1775, marks a significant day in the history and founding of our great
3 nation; and
- 4 WHEREAS, on this date, British regular troops assembled with the intent of confiscating
5 local militia's arms in the town of Concord, Massachusetts; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in the early morning hours a call to arms was sounded by Paul Revere, William
7 Dawes, and Dr. Samuel Prescott, by riding on horseback through the countryside and
8 warning of this imminent act of suppression; and
- 9 WHEREAS, minutemen, militia, and colonists responded to this alarm by assembling at the
10 Village Green in Lexington and at the North Bridge in Concord to resist the advance of the
11 British; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the ensuing engagement led to the "Shot heard 'round the world," by determined
13 militia, and news of these events led to a galvanization of public opinion in favor of the
14 American Colonies gaining independence from Great Britain; and
- 15 WHEREAS, three years later, on April 19, 1778, Colonel Samuel Elbert, commanding three
16 Georgia Navy galleys, *Lee*, *Washington*, and *Bulloch*, encountered three British ships in the
17 Frederica River near St. Simons Island; and
- 18 WHEREAS, after five hours of naval action, the British ships were captured by Colonel
19 Elbert and the Georgia Navy, a victory which boosted the morale of all Georgia patriots and
20 caused the British to delay their invasion of Georgia by more than eight months; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
24 GEORGIA that the members of this body join in recognizing April 19 as Patriots Day in
25 commemoration of the War of the American Revolution and the struggle for independence
26 and request that all Georgians become more knowledgeable of the role the Revolution has
27 played in the history of our great nation and state.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to members of the public and
30 the press.