

House Resolution 27

By: Representatives Smith of the 131st, Greene of the 149th, Rogers of the 26th, Houston of the 170th, and Meadows of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 12, 2011, as Georgia Day and commending Oglethorpe Chapter
2 National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Oglethorpe Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
4 (NSDAR) promotes a greater appreciation for the founding of Georgia in 1733 as the last of
5 the 13 original American colonies and recognizes that the psychological turning point of the
6 American Revolution was the victorious Battle of Kettle Creek, February 14, 1779, which
7 was fought on the land of James Hammett, in Wilkes County, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, Oglethorpe Chapter NSDAR of Columbus, Georgia, is the fifth oldest active
9 DAR Chapter in the State of Georgia and bears the name of James Edward Oglethorpe, who
10 on February 12, 1733, brought 116 settlers to Yamacraw Bluff, for the purpose of settling the
11 Colony of Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, Oglethorpe traveled across Indian-occupied land to Coweta, the Muscogee
13 (Creek) Native American capital located at the Chattahoochee River, below the present City
14 of Columbus, Georgia, and there, on August 21, 1739, he obtained permission, by virtue of
15 a second treaty with the Native Americans, to allow the permanent Colony of Georgia to be
16 settled; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1900, the late Mrs. Alfred O. Blackmar II, a charter member of Oglethorpe
18 Chapter NSDAR, traveled to England and obtained a replica of the signet that was created
19 for The Trustees' Seal of Georgia Colony and bestowed the same to Oglethorpe Chapter
20 NSDAR and for her direct descendants, Ms. Nancy Edge and daughter, Miss Savannah
21 Thompson; and

22 WHEREAS, Oglethorpe Chapter NSDAR has brought the replica of The Trustees' Seal of
23 Georgia Colony to display for the Georgia House of Representatives and for all to consider

24 what this seal has stood for these 278 years, during which time Oglethorpe Chapter NSDAR
25 has continued to educate and inform Georgia citizens about Georgia history; and

26 WHEREAS, Governor Alexander Stephens (1737-1750) wrote in his journal that Georgia
27 Day was always marked on February 12 by the firing of guns, the hoisting of the flag, and
28 the drinking of toasts, and the Georgia Legislature gave legal recognition to this celebration
29 in 1909 and recommended that the public schools of Georgia hold special ceremonies each
30 year; and

31 WHEREAS, Georgia State Society NSDAR is presently making a leading effort to educate
32 and inform Georgia citizens about state history.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body declare that Georgia Day be celebrated across Georgia during the
35 month of February, particularly on February 12, 2011, by flying the Georgia flag, showing
36 the motto "In God We Trust" in schools and on government buildings all across the state, and
37 readings of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Georgia flag.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives recognizes Georgia State
39 Regent of NSDAR, Mrs. Sally McGlaun Baldwin; Oglethorpe Chapter Regent, Mrs. Marilyn
40 Lett Wallace; Oglethorpe Chapter Vice-Regent, Mrs. Kate Sievert Cook; Oglethorpe Chapter
41 Georgia Day Chairman, Mrs. Louise Barfield Hammett; as well as President of Georgia
42 National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR), Mr. J. Michael Tomme;
43 Immediate Past President of Georgia Society NSSAR, Mr. Terry Manning; Former President,
44 Georgia Society, NSSAR and past Chairman, Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee,
45 COL (Ret) George Thurmond; Coweta Falls Chapter SAR member and Founding Chairman
46 of Kettle Creek Battle Annual Commemorations Committee, Chairman of Georgia Society
47 NSSAR, and Chairman of Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, Georgia Society
48 NSSAR LTC (Ret) Robert Galer; Metro Regional Vice-President, Georgia Society NSSAR
49 and Chairman of Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, Georgia Society NSSAR Mr.
50 N. Walker Chewning; West Regional Vice-President Georgia Society NSSAR, Dr. Hugh I.
51 Rodgers; Ms. Nancy Edge; and Miss Savannah Thompson.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
53 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Sally Baldwin, Mrs.
54 Marilyn Wallace for the Oglethorpe Chapter NSDAR, Mrs. Kate Cook, Mrs. Louise Barfield
55 Hammett, Mr. Terry Manning, Mr. J. Michael Tomme, COL (Ret) George Thurmond, LTC

56 (Ret) Robert Galer, Mr. N. Walker Chewning, Dr. Hugh I. Rodgers, Ms. Nancy Edge, and
57 Miss Savannah Thompson.