

House Resolution 596

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Liberty Day on March 16, 2011; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Liberty Day is a celebration of the work of our nation's fourth president, James
3 Madison; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the distinguished American patriot, philosopher, and statesman James Madison
5 wrote many of the articles known as the *Federalist Papers* which endorsed the new
6 Constitution and provided sound support for our form of government; and
- 7 WHEREAS, as a member of the First Congress of the United States, James Madison
8 introduced the Bill of Rights, whereupon the first ten amendments to the Constitution were
9 adopted as enduring liberties inherently held by all; and
- 10 WHEREAS, March 16th marks the birthday of the father of the Constitution, the individual
11 who had the greatest hand in constructing and interpreting the highest law of our land; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Liberty Day is a celebration of liberty, instills in people a love and
13 understanding of the United States Constitution, and sparks a desire to maintain the freedoms
14 we enjoy because of this inspired document; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Liberty Day gives us the opportunity to remember the past defenders of liberty,
16 to stir into our hearts a deeper love for and understanding of liberty, and to appreciate and
17 understand the privileges and responsibilities the government affords to us all; and
- 18 WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Americans celebrate the freedoms, inalienable rights, and
19 liberties that are profoundly expressed in the Declaration of Independence and in our
20 Constitution and that we pay tribute to the political principles and values that have been the
21 foundation for our great nation.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body endorse the celebration of our nation's Declaration of Independence
24 and our federal Constitution on Liberty Day.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Federation of
27 Republican Women.