

House Resolution 989

By: Representatives Allison of the 8th, Austin of the 10th, Greene of the 149th, Brockway of the 101st, Benton of the 31st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on April 12, 1861, Confederate troops fired on Fort Sumter, South Carolina,
3 marking the start of the Civil War; and

4 WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the Civil War in 1865, there had been over 1 million
5 casualties with over 620,000 soldiers lost; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia sent 100,000 soldiers to battle during the Civil War and lost 18,253;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, six United States Presidents fought in the Civil War and include Ulysses S.
9 Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Chester A. Arthur, Benjamin Harrison, and
10 William McKinley; and

11 WHEREAS, numerous governors of the State of Georgia served with distinction during the
12 Civil War, including Thomas H. Ruger, James M. Smith, Alfred H. Colquitt, Alexander A.
13 Stephens, Henry D. McDaniel, John B. Gordon, Allen D. Candler, and Nathaniel E. Harris;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the Civil War pitted family members against one another and was a turning
16 point in this nation's and state's history.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War and
19 honor the lives and memories of the many lives lost as a result of the war.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to make available an appropriate copy of this resolution to members of the
22 public and the press.