

## House Resolution 1295

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the contributions of senior Georgians and recognizing February 20 to February  
2 26, 2012, as Senior Week at the capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, senior citizens are our most rapidly expanding resource, with retirees moving  
4 to Georgia from every state in the nation and increasing the population of older Georgians  
5 by 45 percent since 2000, while the general population has increased only 18 percent; and

6 WHEREAS, senior Georgians contribute immeasurably to Georgia's vitality by capitalizing  
7 on their strengths, talents, knowledge, and resources to provide volunteer leadership in their  
8 communities, mentor the children of Georgia, enjoy Georgia's natural attractions and leisure  
9 opportunities, and participate in Georgia's growing international marketplace; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly benefits by hearing from older Georgians and  
11 their families about the concerns, needs, and abilities to serve this growing segment of the  
12 population; and

13 WHEREAS, in order to influence state policy and to improve the future of all Georgians,  
14 seniors need to understand and become meaningfully involved in the state's legislative  
15 process; and

16 WHEREAS, since 1987, the Georgia Council on Aging has organized an annual gathering  
17 of senior Georgians conducting special activities referred to as Senior Week at the capitol to  
18 raise public awareness about the needs and contributions of seniors.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body acknowledge the contributions of senior Georgians and recognize  
21 the week of February 20 to February 26, 2012, as Senior Week at the capitol.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Council on  
24 Aging.