

House Resolution 1649

By: Representative Manning of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 25, 2012 as the new Georgia Day at the capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1909 the Georgia General Assembly along with the executive and judicial
4 branches of government found cause to recognize Georgia by celebrating our state; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia Day was unfortunately absorbed into history and not celebrated by
6 citizens due to lack of attention and information; and

7 WHEREAS, the students, teachers, and parents of Durham Middle School feel strongly that
8 Georgia Day will be enhanced by henceforth celebrating it on September 25th of each year
9 at the time that Georgia public schools teach Georgia history in all 4th and 8th grade classes;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Durham Middle School students Beth Ann Shires and Ryan Mulkey and
12 teachers Thomas Panter and Mandy Martin advocate that on Georgia Day, Georgia should
13 take time to celebrate the lives of those who have made this state great by showing
14 exemplary character during tumultuous times; and

15 WHEREAS, James Oglethorpe demonstrated the core character values that all Georgians
16 should strive to achieve throughout life; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia Day should not be just a mere day of observance in schools, but a day
18 in which students throughout the state learn life lessons of core values and character such as
19 fairness, perseverance, moral and physical courage, trustworthiness, compassion, respect,
20 humility, and integrity; and

21 WHEREAS, Georgia Day should be a day for students to bridge values in history with their
22 own daily lives; and

23 WHEREAS, changing the day of Georgia Day will help Georgia's character and education
24 programs to become more effective in each community; and

25 WHEREAS, Georgia Day should presently be making a leading effort to educate and inform
26 Georgia students about state history.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize September 25, 2012, as the new Georgia Day at the
29 capitol.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to GPTV, the Georgia
32 Historical Society, Beth Ann Shires, Ryan Mulkey, Thomas Panter, and Mandy Martin.