

## House Resolution 1919

By: Representatives Purcell of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Roberts of the 154<sup>th</sup>, Powell of the 29<sup>th</sup>, Burns of the 157<sup>th</sup>, Bell of the 58<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the month of May, 2012, as Bikers Month at the capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, motorcycles are efficient vehicles that reduce fuel consumption, require less  
3 parking space, ease traffic congestion, and are becoming increasingly popular for  
4 commuting, tourism, and recreational purposes; and
- 5 WHEREAS, American Bikers Active Toward Education (ABATE) is a politically active  
6 nonprofit organization working on motorcyclists' rights whose goal is rider education and  
7 public awareness of motorcyclists; and
- 8 WHEREAS, ABATE promotes safe riding habits and encourages favorable legislation for  
9 motorcyclists; and
- 10 WHEREAS, motorcycles provide a unique vantage point from which to enjoy Georgia's  
11 natural, historical, and cultural resources, and motorcycle based tourism contributes greatly  
12 to our state's economy; and
- 13 WHEREAS, increased awareness and safe driving procedures by all vehicle operators can  
14 help assure the safety of and reduce injuries and fatalities to motorcyclists; and
- 15 WHEREAS, it is especially important that all drivers in Georgia be aware of motorcycles on  
16 the highways and streets and recognize the need to share the road with these vulnerable  
17 vehicles; and
- 18 WHEREAS, all motorcycle organizations, clubs, and dealerships, the Governor's Office of  
19 Highway Safety, the Department of Driver Services, and the Georgia State Patrol are  
20 encouraged to join with the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program, ABATE of GEORGIA,  
21 Inc., in actively promoting safe operation, increased rider training and education, improved  
22 licensing procedures, and improved motorist awareness; and

23 WHEREAS, during the month of May, 2012, all street and highway users should unite in the  
24 safe sharing of the roadways throughout the State of Georgia.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body encourage all drivers in Georgia to increase their awareness about  
27 motorcycles and to practice safe and proper operation of all motor vehicles among  
28 motorcyclists and recognize the month of May, 2012, as Bikers Month at the capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Governor's Office of  
31 Highway Safety, the Department of Driver Services, the Georgia State Patrol, and ABATE  
32 of GEORGIA, Inc.