

Senate Resolution 1291

By: Senators Thompson of the 33rd and Tippins of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September as Georgia History Month; and for other purposes.

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

4 WHEREAS, the students, teachers, and parents of Durham Middle School feel strongly that
5 celebrating Georgia History Month in September of each year, which is the time that Georgia
6 public schools teach Georgia history in all 4th and 8th grade classes, will enhance our
7 students' appreciation of history and will offer an opportunity for educators to focus on
8 character education; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Georgia History Month should not be just a mere month of observance in
16 schools, but a time for students throughout the state learn life lessons of core values and
17 character such as fairness, perseverance, moral and physical courage, trustworthiness,
18 compassion, respect, humility, and integrity; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia History Month should be a day for students to bridge values in history
20 with their own daily lives; and

21 WHEREAS, establishing Georgia History Month will help Georgia's character and education
22 programs to become more effective in each community; and

23 WHEREAS, Georgia History Month will result in a leading effort to educate and inform
24 Georgia students about state history.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize September of each year as Georgia History Month.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to GPTV, the Georgia Historical Society,
29 Beth Ann Shires, Ryan Mulkey, Thomas Panter, and Mandy Martin.