

House Resolution 2193

By: Representatives Smith of the 168th, Sims of the 169th, Hatfield of the 177th, and Spencer of the 180th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Tea Party movement and recognizing February 22, 2012, as "Tea Party
2 Day on Capitol Hill"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Tea Party movement was formed on February 22, 2009, by a conference call
4 of 22 people, many of whom were Georgians; and

5 WHEREAS, the movement was formed in response to government bailouts and the stimulus
6 package adopted by the United States federal government; and

7 WHEREAS, since its inception, the Tea Party movement has made a significant impact on
8 the results of elections, legislation, and important political issues facing this state and the
9 nation; and

10 WHEREAS, never before has a grassroots-driven political movement become so influential
11 in such a short period of time; and

12 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has over 125 established local Tea Party and 9-12
13 organizations that are very actively involved in local, state, and national politics; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia is not only the birthplace of several of the key founders of the Tea
15 Party movement but also the home of the Atlanta Tea Party, one of the largest and most
16 influential Tea Party organizations in the nation; and

17 WHEREAS, most members of the Tea Party are just average people who volunteer their time
18 and talents at great cost and sacrifice because they care about the future of their state and
19 country; and

20 WHEREAS, the Tea Party movement has not only changed the face of politics in America,
21 but has spread the message of freedom, prosperity, and self-determination around the world,

22 influencing the formation of Tea Parties across the globe in South America, Great Britain,
23 Italy, Spain, and all the way to Australia; and

24 WHEREAS, on February 22, 2012, local Tea Party leaders will gather at the state capitol to
25 meet their elected officials and express their dedication to the core principles of the Tea Party
26 movement: fiscal responsibility, constitutionally limited government, and free markets.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 this body commends the Tea Party movement and its dedicated members for their many
29 positive contributions to shaping the political future of the State of Georgia and our nation.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Julianne Thompson, state
32 coordinator of Tea Party Patriots and organizer of the Atlanta Tea Party; Debbie Dooley,
33 national coordinator of Tea Party Patriots and organizer of the Atlanta Tea Party; Jenny Beth
34 Martin, cofounder of Tea Party Patriots and organizer of the Atlanta Tea Party; Virginia
35 Galloway, state director of Americans For Prosperity and organizer of the Atlanta Tea Party;
36 Kay Godwin, cofounder of Georgia Conservatives in Action; Pat Tippett, cofounder of
37 Georgia Conservatives in Action; Joel Aaron Foster, Communications and Grassroots
38 Director of Americans for Prosperity Georgia; Jack Smith, Chairman of the North Georgia
39 Tea Party Alliance; Nolan Cox, Director of the Valdosta Tea Party; and Diane Cox, Director
40 of the Valdosta Tea Party.