

Senate Resolution 419

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Shafer of the 48th, Chance of the 16th, Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Chipper Jones and recognizing March 5, 2013, as Chipper Jones Day at the
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Chipper Jones has long been recognized by the citizens of this state and
4 throughout the country for his role as a player and leader for the Atlanta Braves; and

5 WHEREAS, Chipper Jones was born on April 24, 1972, in DeLand, Florida; and

6 WHEREAS, he attended The Bolles School in Jacksonville, Florida, where as a baseball
7 player he was named the 1990 Florida High School Player of the Year and led The Bolles
8 School to the state title with a .448 average; and

9 WHEREAS, Chipper was selected by the Atlanta Braves as the number one overall pick in
10 the 1990 draft; and

11 WHEREAS, during his illustrious career, Chipper won the 2008 National League batting title
12 with a .364 batting average; was awarded the 1999 National League Most Valuable Player
13 Award with a .319 batting average, 45 home runs, and 110 runs batted in; and was an
14 eight-time National League All-Star, a two-time Silver Slugger Award winner, and a member
15 of the 1995 World Series Championship team; and

16 WHEREAS, Chipper Jones is the only switch hitter in Major League Baseball history to own
17 a .300 career batting average and to hit at least 400 home runs; and

18 WHEREAS, he holds Atlanta Braves records in games played, hits, doubles, home runs, runs
19 batted in, runs, walks, on base percentage, and slugging; and

20 WHEREAS, he is a loving father to four wonderful sons, Matthew, Larry Wayne III (Trey),
21 Shea, and Tristan; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
23 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend Chipper Jones for his dedication to the State of Georgia and to the Atlanta Braves
26 and recognize March 5, 2013, as Chipper Jones Day at the capitol.

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 Chipper Jones.