

## House Resolution 556

By: Representative Kelley of the 16<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 16, 2013 as Welsh Heritage Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, many people of note descend from Welsh ancestry, including Thomas Jefferson,  
3 John Adams, and Abraham Lincoln; and

4 WHEREAS, as early as 1640, citizens from Wales began immigrating to North America and  
5 settled in what would become Pennsylvania; from there, they moved south and settled in the  
6 State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, these settlers were some of Georgia's earliest, setting up a community that  
8 would later become Rockmart, Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, these early pioneers took to the mines in the area and found success shipping  
10 mining products all over the globe, earning this early settlement the name Rock Mart; and

11 WHEREAS, it is important to educate Georgia's citizens about our early history and  
12 development because the Welsh societies that called this great state home are a pivotal part  
13 of Georgia's founding and future success.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
15 the members of this body recognize March 16, 2013, as Welsh Heritage Day in Georgia.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
17 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Polk County Tourism  
18 Committee and St. David's Welsh Society of Georgia.