

Senate Resolution 533

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Wilkinson of the 50th, Bethel of the 54th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Harper of the 7th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the Battle of Chickamauga on September 18-20, 2013; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, April is the month in which the Confederate States of America began and ended
3 a four-year struggle for states' rights, individual freedom, and local governmental control,
4 which they believed to be right and just; and
- 5 WHEREAS, April 26 is a time when Georgians honor the more than 90,000 brave men and
6 women who served the Confederate States of America; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Georgia joined the Confederacy after the convention ratified the ordinance of
8 secession in January, 1861, and Georgia has long cherished her Confederate history and the
9 great leaders who made sacrifices on her behalf; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the year of 2013 marks the third year of the sesquicentennial and Georgia's first
11 taste of a major battle on her soil in 1863; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Battle of Chickamauga, fought September 18-20, is not only the biggest
13 battle ever fought on Georgian soil, but it is also the second bloodiest engagement during the
14 War Between the States; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Confederate States needed a morale boost after the loss of Vicksburg and
16 Gettysburg, and Chickamauga would do just that; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the Confederate States Army would find itself evenly matched against the
18 United States Army and, with the help of General James Longstreet and his troops from
19 Virginia, turned the tide for a great Confederate victory; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the name *Chickamauga* is Cherokee for *River of Blood*, and while over 34,000
21 men gave their lives at Chickamauga, one man stands out; and
- 22 WHEREAS, on September 19, 1863, 3rd Sergeant John A. Ingraham of 2nd Company K, 1st
23 Confederate Infantry Georgia Volunteers, was killed in action on the first day; and

24 WHEREAS, unlike many who would die that day far from home, Sergeant Ingraham died
25 in his own community and was buried by his friends and holds the distinction of being the
26 only soldier to be buried on the Chickamauga National Military Park Battlefield; and

27 WHEREAS, it is important that Georgians reflect upon our state's past and honor and respect
28 the devotion of her Confederate leaders, soldiers, sailors, marines, and citizens.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize the Battle of Chickamauga on September 18-20, 2013.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Civil War Commission.