

## House Resolution 852

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## 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, many of whom were from Georgia, turned the tide for a great Confederate victory;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the names of many, such as Forrest, Hood, Polk, Hardee, Walker, and Cleburne  
22 ring out through history and remind us of the famous; and

23 WHEREAS, the name *Chickamauga* is Cherokee for *River of Death*, and while over 34,000  
24 men were killed, wounded, or missing, one man stands out; and

25 WHEREAS, on September 19, 1863, 3rd Sergeant John A. Ingraham of 2nd Company K, 1st  
26 Confederate Infantry Georgia Volunteers, was killed in action on the first day; and

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

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize the Battle of Chickamauga on September 18-20, 2013.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Civil War  
36 Commission.