

Senate Resolution 179

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th and Henson of the 41st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring February 12, 2015, as Cambodian-American Heritage Day at the
2 state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recognizes the numerous contributions of
4 Cambodian-Americans to the social and economic revitalization of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, although the Cambodian genocide was one of the greatest human tragedies of
6 the 20th century, the Cambodian people, through perseverance, hard work, and
7 determination, reestablished families and communities, began enhancing their cultural
8 diversity in Georgia, and worked towards the prevention of crimes against humanity; and

9 WHEREAS, the Cambodian people have a rich and ancient cultural heritage symbolized by
10 the temple city, Angkor Wat, considered one of the great Wonders of the World, which
11 stands as a living testament to the genius, strength, and endurance of the Khmer culture in
12 Georgia and around the world; and

13 WHEREAS, Cambodians have used their cultural history and traditions to rebuild lives, and
14 in the process, they have inspired hope and strengthened their identity by working to create
15 the third "Cambodia Town" in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, Cambodians celebrate their New Year cultural activities and traditions, drawing
17 thousands of people to observe and participate, and thus creating opportunities for
18 meaningful cultural exchange and diversity; and

19 WHEREAS, Saturday, April 4, 2015, is Cambodian-American Heritage Day across the great
20 State of Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to become familiar with Cambodian history and
22 culture and the many ways its contributions have helped commemorate strength and
23 endurance for the Cambodian people.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize February 12, 2015, as Cambodian-American Heritage Day at the state capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Venerable Son Sen,
28 Venerable Saran Brach, Chhoeung Nem, Randy Muth, and Soeurn Chap.