

House Resolution 491

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Stover of the 71st, Ramsey of the 72nd, and Trammell of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Battle of Brown's Mill; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Battle of Brown's Mill took place three miles south of Newnan, Georgia,
4 in Brown's Mill on July 30, 1864; and

5 WHEREAS, due to its close proximity to the Atlanta-West Point Railroad and distance from
6 early open combat, Newnan served as an essential hospital town, and as the days and months
7 of the Civil War moved forward, Newnan citizens opened their hearts and homes to the
8 wounded and their caregivers; and

9 WHEREAS, July of 1864 was a historic month for Newnan, Georgia, as Newnan's seven
10 hospitals were already filled with hundreds of wounded Confederate soldiers brought in from
11 other battles before the cavalry battle at Brown's Mill on July 30, at which time both
12 Confederate and Union wounded soldiers were brought to Newnan to be treated by the brave
13 doctors and nurses who were located there; and

14 WHEREAS, that day changed life in Newnan forever, but more importantly, the Battle of
15 Brown's Mill changed the course of the Atlanta campaign and forced General Sherman to
16 abandon his cavalry's efforts to cut Atlanta's railroads and compelled him to begin a lengthy
17 siege, the very thing he had hoped to avoid; and

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

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Battle of Brown's
22 Mill.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
25 Newnan-Coweta Historical Society and the Battle of Brown's Mill Association.