

House Resolution 1760

By: Representative Kidd of the 145<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Old Governor's Mansion at Georgia College and State University in  
2 Milledgeville, Georgia, as a state historic house; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Old Governor's Mansion in Milledgeville, Georgia, served as Georgia's first  
4 Executive Mansion from 1839 to 1868 and was the residence of eight governors and their  
5 families; and

6 WHEREAS, the Old Governor's Mansion was designed by noted architect Charles Cluskey  
7 and is considered to be one of the finest examples of High Greek Revival architecture in the  
8 United States; and

9 WHEREAS, the Old Governor's Mansion served as the headquarters of Major General  
10 William T. Sherman on November 23, 1864, upon his capture of the City of Milledgeville  
11 during the March to the Sea; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1889, the Old Governor's Mansion was entrusted to Georgia Normal and  
13 Industrial College, now Georgia College and State University, and served as the founding  
14 building of the university and is today utilized as a nationally renowned historic house  
15 museum; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1973, the Old Governor's Mansion was designated a National Historic  
17 Landmark; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2004, with the help of appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly,  
19 the Old Governor's Mansion was fully restored to its circa 1851 appearance; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2012, the Old Governor's Mansion was accredited by the American Alliance  
21 of Museums, a designation denoting overall excellence in the field of museums; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2015, the Old Governor's Mansion was named an affiliate of the Smithsonian  
23 Institution, entitling the Mansion to access exhibits from our nation's premier museum; and

24 WHEREAS, the Old Governor's Mansion is deserving of the attention and appreciation of  
25 the citizens of this state; and

26 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the significance of this site to the State of Georgia and to  
27 all Georgians be recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the Old Governor's Mansion at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville,  
30 Georgia, be recognized as a state historic house.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.  
33 Matt Davis, Director of the Old Governor's Mansion.