

House Resolution 1795

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Alexander of the 66th, Thomas of the 39th, Efstration of the 104th, Ballinger of the 23rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing March 21, 2016, as Single Parent Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, parents must invest immeasurable amounts of time, energy, and devotion when
3 raising their children in order to provide them with the love, support, and guidance required
4 to become responsible, productive, and successful adults; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the responsibility of raising children in today's society is particularly difficult
6 when it falls on the shoulders of a single parent; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the number of single-parent families has more than doubled in the past 25 years
8 and tripled since 1960; and
- 9 WHEREAS, one-third of American children, a total of 15 million, are being raised without
10 a father, and nearly five million children live without a mother; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the greatest need of every child is to be loved, whether the child lives in a
12 single-parent or two-parent family; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the dedication and achievement of single parents regardless of gender, cultural
14 diversity, or economic status deserve our recognition; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in 1984, Congress passed House Joint Resolution 200, which designated
16 March 21, 1984, as National Single Parent Day, and President Reagan issued Proclamation
17 5166, which proclaimed March 21, 1984, as National Single Parent Day; and
- 18 WHEREAS, since then, many states and organizations across the country recognize
19 March 21 each year as Single Parent Day.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize March 21, 2016, as Single Parent Day in honor of the
22 dedication and achievements of all single parents in the State of Georgia.

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 National Leadership Group, Inc., and REAL Parents, Inc./South Georgia Nonprofit
26 Collaboration Network.