

Senate Resolution 889

By: Senators Martin of the 9th, Unterman of the 45th, Millar of the 40th, Kirk of the 13th, Albers of the 56th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 13, 2018, as New Americans Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 13, 2018, the State Capitol shall be visited by over 300 new
4 Americans as well as friends and community supporters for a day of education and
5 celebration; and

6 WHEREAS, March 13, 2018, will mark the fourth annual United States Citizenship and
7 Immigration Services naturalization ceremony in the state capitol in which we proudly
8 welcome new citizens to Georgia's ranks; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to more than one million immigrants, comprising about 10
10 percent of the state population, who contribute to Georgia's unique culture and increasingly
11 diverse population; and

12 WHEREAS, nearly 7.5 percent of Georgia voters are new Americans; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2016, approximately 137,000 Georgians were employed by businesses
14 owned by immigrants, with foreign born Georgians contributing \$8.1 billion in federal and
15 state taxes; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia is a welcoming home for peoples from all walks of life and origins, and
17 it is abundantly fitting and proper that these new Americans be appropriately recognized.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 recognize and commend the manifold contributions of immigrants to the State of Georgia
20 and recognize March 13, 2018, as New Americans Day at the state capitol.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
23 press.