

## House Resolution 279 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating March 21 of each year as Single Parent Day; 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 AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that March 21 of each year is designated as Single Parent Day  
22 in honor of the dedication and achievements of all single parents in the State of Georgia.