

House Resolution 1631

By: Representative Cheokas of the 151st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and celebrating March 25, 2024, as the 203rd anniversary of Greek
2 Independence Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Greek Independence Day is a national holiday celebrated annually in Greece
4 and among Greeks of the diaspora and philhellenes in all parts of the world, including Greek
5 Americans; and

6 WHEREAS, March 25, 2024, marks the 203rd anniversary of Greece's declaration of
7 independence in 1821 from nearly 400 years of oppressive Ottoman Muslim Turkish rule;
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9 WHEREAS, Greece's independence was the result of Hellenes who, inspired by the founding
10 fathers of the American Revolution, came together and restored democracy to where it was
11 born, which became the inspiration for the American form of government; and

12 WHEREAS, the people of Greece and the United States have maintained and shared an
13 unshakable bond for more than two centuries, including fighting as allies in both World Wars
14 and in all major conflicts; and

15 WHEREAS, on October 28, 1940, the Greek army led a successful counterattack against the
16 invading Italian Axis army, forcing them to retreat and claiming the first of many Allied
17 victories during World War II; and

18 WHEREAS, this remarkable achievement was recognized on the December 16, 1940, cover
19 of *LIFE* magazine as well as by President Franklin Roosevelt, who stated that "when the
20 entire world had lost all hope, the Greek people dared to question the invincibility of the
21 German monster, raising against it in the proud spirit of freedom"; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for the citizens of Georgia to join their Greek
23 American friends and neighbors in honoring this special and historic day.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize and celebrate March 25, 2024, as the 203rd anniversary
26 of Greek Independence Day.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 public and the press.