

House Resolution 999

By: Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, Hatchett of the 155th, Fincher of the 23rd, Barrett of the 24th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging all Georgia citizens, cities, and counties to remember and honor the sacredness of
2 America's 250th Anniversary of the *Declaration of Independence* on July 4, 2026; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the *Declaration of*
5 *Independence*, proclaiming that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with
6 unalienable rights to "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness"; and

7 WHEREAS, this momentous document, principally authored by Thomas Jefferson with
8 significant contributions from John Adams, established the principles of limited government,
9 individual liberty, and constitutional governance that remain the cornerstone of American
10 freedom; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia played a vital role in our nation's founding, with three Georgian
12 delegates—Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, and George Walton—courageously signing the
13 *Declaration of Independence*; and

14 WHEREAS, the 250th Anniversary, occurring on July 4, 2026, represents a seminal moment
15 deserving of solemn recognition and joyous celebration; and

16 WHEREAS, this milestone provides an opportunity for all Georgians to renew their
17 commitment to the timeless principles of liberty, personal responsibility, limited government,
18 and God-given rights that define our constitutional republic.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body urge all Georgia citizens, cities, and counties to remember and
21 honor the sacredness of America's 250th Anniversary through meaningful participation in
22 commemorative activities, educational initiatives, and patriotic celebrations.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body encourage all Georgians to
24 study and reflect upon the principles enshrined in the *Declaration of Independence*; honor
25 the memory of our nation's founders and all who have defended our constitutional republic;
26 engage in civic education and encourage democratic participation; strengthen community
27 bonds through shared celebration of our heritage; and renew their commitment to liberty,
28 justice, personal responsibility, and constitutional principles.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body encourage all municipalities
30 and counties to organize commemorative events, historical displays, and educational
31 programs that celebrate this sacred anniversary and inspire future generations to cherish and
32 protect the blessings of liberty.

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