

House Bill 955

By: Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Jones of the 47th, Hilton of the 48th, Evans of the 57th,
Donatucci of the 105th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 holidays and observances, so as to designate April of each year as Georgia Native Plant
3 Month; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia
4 Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to change the state floral emblem to the
5 sweetbay magnolia; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Caroline Romberg Silcox Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and
12 observances, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

13 "1-4-28.

14 The month of April of each year is designated as 'Georgia Native Plant Month' in Georgia."

15 **SECTION 3.**

16 Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other
17 state symbols, is amended by revising Code Section 50-3-53, relating to state floral emblem,
18 as follows:

19 "50-3-53.

20 The ~~Cherokee rose~~ sweetbay magnolia (Magnolia virginiana) is adopted as the floral
21 emblem of the State of Georgia."

22 **SECTION 4.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.