

House Bill 208

By: Representatives Cheokas of the 138th, Jasperse of the 11th, Erwin of the 28th, LaRiccia of the 169th, and Jones of the 25th

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 provide that the second Wednesday of February of each
3 year shall be designated as "National Swearing-in Day" in Georgia; to provide for legislative
4 findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 The General Assembly finds that:

8 (1) Since 1916, the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) has allowed young
9 men and women to experience a sample of military life. Members of JROTC are able to
10 familiarize themselves with the traditions, activities, and morals of the military and seek
11 out potential careers;

12 (2) Most of the activities in JROTC are awarded, sometimes publicly, at various
13 ceremonies, banquets, and other events. Rewarding success serves to motivate some and
14 move them toward a career in the military;

15 (3) Likewise, colleges and universities reward athletes at the high school level with
16 scholarships. Moreover, many athletes are recognized on signing days. Some signing

17 days are attended by a large number of students, faculty, staff, and the community. The
18 hard work and education of the athletes does not go unrecognized. Those who intend to
19 join and start a career defending the nation should be acknowledged and supported on
20 local, state, and national levels; and
21 (4) Putting such a day in place would build unity and support for all components (Army,
22 Navy, Marines, Air Force, Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and Coast Guard)
23 of our national defense.

24 **SECTION 2.**

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

27 "1-4-24.

28 The second Wednesday of February of each year is designated as 'National Swearing-in
29 Day' in Georgia."

30 **SECTION 3.**

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.