

House Resolution 1012

By: Representatives Cheokas of the 138th, Efstration of the 104th, Burns of the 159th, and Beverly of the 143rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and celebrating March 25, 2022, as the 201st 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; March 25, 2022, marks the 201st anniversary of Greece's declaration of
6 independence from the oppressive Ottoman Muslim Turkish Empire; and

7 WHEREAS, Greece's independence was the result of Hellenes who, inspired by the founding
8 fathers of the American revolution, came together and restored democracy to its ancient
9 Greek birthplace, which became the inspiration for the American form of government; and

10 WHEREAS, the Greek people who immigrated to the United States are now counted as
11 valuable members of this nation who have enriched this country through their contributions
12 as leaders of culture, community, business, and government, all the while still proudly
13 recognizing the history and culture of their Greek homeland and of their Greek ancestors; and

14 WHEREAS, the great State of Georgia is home to a robust Greek community, and as
15 demonstrated through their shared values and commitments to democracy, the citizens of
16 Georgia share a close friendship with the people of Greece; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia welcomes Greece's continued investment in defense
18 capabilities and its commitment to fulfilling the pledge it made at the NATO Wales Summit,
19 and our mutual defense relationship is rooted in a common history of shared values and
20 interest going back more than two centuries; and

21 WHEREAS, these values extend to efforts beyond our defense cooperation and include a
22 partnership in strengthening educational and cultural connections, increasing bilateral
23 investment and trade opportunities, and addressing global security; and

24 WHEREAS, these efforts ensure that the relationship between the United States and Greece
25 is stronger than ever, as demonstrated by the signing of the Mutual Defense and Cooperation
26 Agreement on October 14, 2021, by the Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs and the United
27 States Secretary of State; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for the citizens of Georgia to join their Greek
29 American friends and neighbors in celebrating this milestone in Greek heritage.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and celebrate March 25, 2022, as the 201st anniversary
32 of Greek Independence Day and join the citizens of this state in celebrating this historic
33 event.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 government of Greece through American emissaries at the Atlanta Greek consulate and the
37 Greek Embassy in Washington, D.C.