

House Resolution 25

By: Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hilton of the 48th, Donatucci of the 105th, Barrett of the 24th, and Cox of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing January 14, 2025, as Tamil Thai Pongal Day; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Tamil Thai Pongal is the most important festival celebrated on January 14,
3 2025, by millions of Tamil ethnic people in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom,
4 India, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, and many other countries around the world; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Tamil is the longest surviving classical language in the world, with a traceable
6 history exceeding 3,200 years and about 100 million native speakers across the globe; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Tamil people refer to Pongal as "Thamizhar Thiruvizha," the festival of Tamils,
8 and in the Tamil language, the word Pongal means "overflowing," signifying abundance and
9 prosperity; and
- 10 WHEREAS, similar to Thanksgiving Day in the United States, Tamils celebrate Pongal as
11 a festival of thanksgiving to mother nature, the earth, farm animals, and the Lord Suryan
12 (Sun) for the resources necessary for a bountiful yield of crops; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the peace loving Tamil American Community of Georgia makes many
14 important contributions to education, healthcare, the economy, and homeland security with

15 exceptionally educated professionals and successful entrepreneurs in a variety of fields, all
16 while continuing to observe and celebrate their rich Tamil cultural heritage; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia Tamils are committed to sharing their vibrant culture, rich traditions,
18 and longstanding history with the people of Georgia by celebrating January 14, 2025, as
19 Tamil Thai Pongal.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize January 14, 2025, as Tamil Thai Pongal Day in the State
22 of Georgia as well as commend the Georgia Tamil community for their ongoing
23 contributions to our state.

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