

Senate Resolution 285

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Parent of the 44th, Jackson of the 41st, Jones II of the 22nd, Wicks of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 28, 2025, as Andrew J. Young Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Andrew J. Young has earned worldwide recognition as a pioneer and champion
4 of civil and human rights who has dedicated more than 65 years to public service through
5 roles in government, diplomacy, and advocacy; and

6 WHEREAS, through his leadership, countries throughout the world have created a successful
7 model that combines religion, education, democracy, and free enterprise in ways that support
8 the public good; and

9 WHEREAS, he began his political career in the United States House of Representatives as
10 the first African American representative from the State of Georgia since Reconstruction and
11 thereafter served as the United States ambassador to the United Nations under President
12 Jimmy Carter; and

13 WHEREAS, during his tenure as the United States ambassador, he negotiated an end to
14 white-minority rule in Namibia and Zimbabwe as well as promoted President Carter's
15 emphasis on human rights in global diplomacy efforts; and

16 WHEREAS, as a two-term Mayor of Atlanta, Andrew J. Young was instrumental in the city's
17 economic expansion, attracting more than 1,100 businesses, securing over \$70 billion in
18 foreign direct investments, and generating more than a million jobs; and

19 WHEREAS, he has further served on numerous boards, including the Martin Luther King
20 Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Morehouse College, the Andrew Young School of
21 Policy Studies at Georgia State University, and AmericasMart; and

22 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous prestigious awards, including an Emmy
23 Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011 and the Dan Sweat Award in 2017, and his portrait has
24 been inducted into the permanent collection of the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery,
25 cementing his legacy in American history; and

26 WHEREAS, the devotion of his time, efforts, and energy to the service of others and his
27 many achievements are worthy of recognition during this special time.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize February 28, 2025, as Andrew J. Young Day at the state capitol in honor of his
30 extraordinary contributions to civil rights, diplomacy, public service, and economic
31 development.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Andrew J. Young.