

House Resolution 541

By: Representative Burns of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the legacy of the Battle of Brier Creek; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Battle of Brier Creek, fought on March 3, 1779, in Screven County,
3 Georgia, was a pivotal conflict in the Southern Campaign of the American Revolutionary
4 War, where British forces under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Archibald Campbell
5 achieved a decisive victory over American forces led by General John Ashe; and
- 6 WHEREAS, this battle marked a significant moment in the conflict, as the British victory at
7 Brier Creek not only allowed them to maintain a foothold in Georgia but also paved the way
8 for their subsequent invasion of South Carolina, which was critical to the continuation of
9 British efforts to subdue the southern colonies; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the destruction of the bridge over Brier Creek by British forces, combined with
11 a surprise flanking maneuver, led to the swift defeat of American troops, resulting in a rout
12 and a major setback for the Patriot cause in Georgia and the Carolinas; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the Battle of Brier Creek is a vital yet often overlooked chapter in the history
14 of the American Revolution, contributing significantly to the broader understanding of the

15 Southern Strategy employed by the British and the struggles faced by the Continental Army
16 during this phase of the war; and

17 WHEREAS, the Brier Creek Battlefield remains a historically significant site that is essential
18 for understanding the military strategies and challenges that shaped the outcome of the
19 American Revolution, particularly in the southern theater; and

20 WHEREAS, preserving the Brier Creek Battlefield provides an opportunity to educate future
21 generations about this crucial event in American history and honors the sacrifices made by
22 both American and British forces; and

23 WHEREAS, the preservation of the Brier Creek Battlefield will foster a greater appreciation
24 for the region's historical importance, contribute to local tourism, and support educational
25 initiatives focused on the American Revolution.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body join in honoring the history and legacy of those who fought at the
28 Battle of Brier Creek, ensuring that their contributions to the struggle for American
29 independence are remembered and celebrated.

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