

Senate Resolution 1043

By: Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Setzler of the 37th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing April 1, 2026, as America 250 Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, July 4, 2026, marks the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration
3 of Independence, a historic moment that established the United States of America as a nation
4 founded on the principles of freedom, liberty, and justice for all; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in its 250 years of growth and development, the United States has charted a
6 unique path in the history of civilization, remaining committed to the rights of the individual
7 and a representative system of government built on checks and balances that has weathered
8 and celebrated two and a half centuries of human struggle, challenge, cultural evolution, and
9 new births of freedom; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in that rich and storied history, the State of Georgia has played a key role in the
11 growth of the United States, from a loose collection of colonies to the greatest nation on
12 earth; and
- 13 WHEREAS, under the leadership of James Oglethorpe, Georgia became the 13th and final
14 colony established by the British Empire in 1732; and

15 WHEREAS, the City of Savannah was established in 1733 as the first settlement of the
16 Georgia colony and remains one of the most historically significant cities in the United
17 States, including serving as the state's first capital; and

18 WHEREAS, Georgia contributed three signatories to the Declaration of Independence,
19 including Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, and George Walton; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia became the fourth state admitted to the Union upon its unanimous
21 ratification of the Constitution during a special legislative session in 1788, held in Augusta,
22 the state's second capital; and

23 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has produced countless historical and culturally significant
24 figures who have not only shaped the South and the United States but also influenced the
25 entire world—from legendary civil rights leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. to
26 world-renowned entertainers like Otis Redding and many others who have contributed to the
27 state's rich cultural heritage; and

28 WHEREAS, Georgia has thus far produced one President of the United States, Jimmy Carter,
29 who was elected the 39th President and continued his humanitarian efforts following his time
30 in office; and

31 WHEREAS, Georgia has established itself as a cultural and athletic beacon for the whole
32 world, hosting the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta, which will soon become only
33 one of two American cities to host both the Olympics and the FIFA World Cup with the
34 arrival of the FIFA World Cup 2026 this summer, while also hosting the annual Masters
35 Tournament in Augusta and setting itself apart as the capital of college football; and

36 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is a thriving business and economic hub, serving as the No.
37 1 state for business and the proud home of both internationally recognized brands and
38 thousands of small businesses that are critical to communities and our state, as well as assets
39 such as the world's most utilized airport; and

40 WHEREAS, Georgia's No. 1 industry has always been and remains agriculture, with many
41 crops now synonymous with the state, including peaches, peanuts, Vidalia onions,
42 blueberries, cotton, and more, as well as industries such as forestry and poultry.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
44 recognize April 1, 2026, as America 250 Day at the state capitol in celebration of the 250th
45 anniversary of the founding of the United States of America.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
47 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
48 press.