

House Bill 984

By: Representatives Jones of the 53rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, and Gilligan of the 24th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
2 provisions regarding holidays and observances, so as to declare June 12 of each year as
3 "Women Veterans Day"; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters;
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions
8 regarding holidays and observances, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
9 follows:

10 "1-4-25.

11 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

12 (1) Women have rendered their compassionate and dedicated services to the various
13 branches of the United States military;

14 (2) Women risk their lives and now fight alongside male servicemen. Women have
15 historically served in noncombat capacities in various branches of the military, despite
16 not being recognized as official military members;

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17 (3) Women veterans are still widely unrecognized for their contributions, and suffer from
18 many of the same issues of their fellow male servicemen, including homelessness, post
19 traumatic stress syndrome, financial distress, and other issues specific to women veterans;
20 and

21 (4) Over 90,000 women veterans are Georgia citizens, and they deserve recognition for
22 their contributions to the nation.

23 (b) June 12 of each year is declared to be 'Women Veterans Day' in Georgia."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.