

## House Resolution 848

By: Representatives Olaleye of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>, Martinez of the 111<sup>th</sup>, Draper of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Lim of the 98<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 30, 2024, as Latino Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to more than one million people of Latin American heritage  
3 who are part of the economic, social, and cultural fabric of the state, and their daily  
4 contributions need to be recognized, uplifted, and honored as integral to Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Latinos in Georgia are a young community yet are very active in all sectors.  
6 Latino men participate in the workforce in Georgia at higher rates than any other  
7 demographic group, Latinas turn out to vote at higher rates than the national average, and a  
8 third of the community is under 18 years old and actively working to pursue their educational  
9 aspirations; and

10 WHEREAS, Latinos have been an integral part of building the state and its economic  
11 standing, including workers in carpet manufacturing in Whitfield County, the poultry  
12 industry in Hall County, the agricultural sector in rural areas and South Georgia, in retail  
13 through entrepreneurship as a self-sufficiency strategy, in the military and law enforcement,  
14 professionally in corporations and businesses, in the public and nonprofit sector, and  
15 academically through institutions of higher education; and

16 WHEREAS, Latinos are well known for their appreciation of family and community as well  
17 as their joy and optimism; and

18 WHEREAS, this diverse community will continue growing to represent a significant  
19 percentage of Georgia, and it is expected its representation and civic participation will only  
20 increase.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body recognize January 30, 2024, as Latino Day at the state capitol.

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