

Senate Resolution 88

By: Senators Payne of the 54th, Dugan of the 30th, Brass of the 28th, Harbison of the 15th, Anderson of the 43rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Georgia as a Purple Heart State; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration in continuous use;
3 it was created by George Washington, a citizen of the commonwealth, the commanding
4 general of the victorious Continental Army, and the first president of the United States, as
5 the badge of Military Merit during the Revolutionary War; and

6 WHEREAS, the missions of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, which was chartered by
7 an act of the United States Congress, are to foster an environment of good will among
8 combat wounded veterans and their families, to promote patriotism, to support related
9 legislative initiatives, and most importantly to make sure that Americans never forget the
10 sacrifices made by those so decorated; and

11 WHEREAS, many citizens of the commonwealth have received the Purple Heart as a result
12 of being wounded or killed while engaged in combat with an enemy force, which is
13 construed as a singularly meritorious or odious act of essential service; and

14 WHEREAS, veterans and active duty service members have paid the high price of freedom
15 by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good
16 of all; and

17 WHEREAS, the people of the commonwealth have great admiration and the most gratitude
18 for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and the commonwealth
19 in the military; and

20 WHEREAS, the contributions and the sacrifices of the men and women of the
21 commonwealth who served in the United States Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining
22 the freedom and the way of life enjoyed by American citizens; and

23 WHEREAS, September 21 is designated Purple Heart Day in Georgia to honor and
24 remember the veterans and active duty members of the military who have been wounded or
25 killed in the service to this nation.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize the State of Georgia as a Purple Heart State, honoring the service and sacrifice of
28 our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to
29 protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

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