

House Resolution 1091

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Hugley of the 136th, Smith of the 133rd, and Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 18, 2020, as Columbus Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Columbus was the first consolidated government in Georgia, and the Columbus
4 region of Georgia is known for its fantastic visitor attractions, white water rafting, expansive
5 defense entities, economic growth and development, servant leadership, education
6 excellence, and beautiful natural landscapes; and

7 WHEREAS, the region is known for its public and private partnerships that have generated
8 success for the area with projects such as the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, an
9 exciting downtown campus for Columbus State University, white water rafting, and the
10 Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority; and

11 WHEREAS, the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce is the first chamber in
12 Georgia to receive a 5-Star rating, an elite designation earned by only the top five percent of
13 all chambers of commerce in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Columbus is home to numerous defense, national, and international institutions,
15 including Aflac, Fort Benning and the Maneuver Center of Excellence, W.C. Bradley
16 Company, Pratt and Whitney, Synovus, and Global Payments; and

17 WHEREAS, Columbus features exciting attractions, such as the 15 mile RiverWalk, the
18 RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, the Columbus Convention and Trade Center, the
19 Columbus Civic Center and Skating Rink, the South Commons softball complex, a
20 skateboard park, the Columbus Museum, the Springer Opera House, and the Liberty Theater;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, these many accomplishments would not be possible without the efforts of
23 Mayor Skip Henderson, City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Chamber Executive Vice President

24 Brian Sillitto, Fort Benning Commanding General Gary M. Brito, Chamber Board Chairman
25 and W. C. Bradley Company Real Estate President Pace Halter, Columbus State University
26 President Chris Markwood, and Mat Swift, member of the Georgia Department of Economic
27 Development Board of Directors; and

28 WHEREAS, the citizens of the Greater Columbus Region are justly proud of their
29 community and region, their past, their exciting future, and their many contributions to this
30 state, and thus it is only proper to recognize February 18, 2020, as Columbus Day at the state
31 capitol.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize February 18, 2020, as Columbus Day at the state capitol.

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