

DESTROYER ESCORT DAY

WHEREAS: Thousands of America's young men, including hundreds of Georgians, were called upon in the Second World War, the Korean War and the Vietnam War to join the fight by land, sea and air to restore and maintain international peace; and

WHEREAS: Destroyer escort sailors were entrusted with protecting supply and troop ships and, given their special duty to other Americans fighting for freedom, were called upon to defend the United States' soldiers and supplies from enemy attackers, often at the cost of their own lives; and

WHEREAS: Since 1975 the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association has paid tribute to the American sailors who served valiantly on destroyer escort ships; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Chapter of the Destroyer Escort Sailor Association will host a special ceremony in Marietta, Georgia, to honor the sailors of the destroyer escorts from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, with a special honor to those who went down with their ships; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 21, 2003, as DESTROYER ESCORT DAY in Georgia in commemoration of the valiant sailors who risked, and often sacrificed, their lives in service to our country.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

