

Senate Resolution 675

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Eighth Annual South Fulton County Legislative Day at the Capitol on February
2 19, 2002; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 19, 2002, elected officials from the state, county, and municipal
4 levels, along with the constituents they serve, will come together to declare and celebrate the
5 success and unique appeal of South Fulton County, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, South Fulton County, which includes sections of unincorporated Fulton County
7 and the Cities of College Park, Union City, East Point, Hapeville, Palmetto, and Fairburn,
8 is a vibrant, beautiful community, rich in natural resources and competitive business
9 advantages; and

10 WHEREAS, the progressive governments of South Fulton County provide a positive
11 environment for business growth through efficient services and effective collaboration with
12 developers to create new employment opportunities; and

13 WHEREAS, the selection of South Fulton County, its prosperous Fulton Industrial
14 Boulevard, and Old National Highway business districts for the Quaker Oats Company's \$50
15 million Gatorade/Snapple bottling plant; for pro basketball star Earvin "Magic" Johnson's
16 fashionable movie theater in the Greenbriar area; and for a new \$7 million Cultural Arts
17 Center all reflect an energetic and dynamic community bristling with opportunities; and

18 WHEREAS, South Fulton County is also benefitting greatly from the efforts of the Cascade
19 and Interstate 285 community which are having an invigorating impact on the local economy
20 and are reflective of the revitalized spirit of the community; and

21 WHEREAS, South Fulton County is the culmination of multimodal transportation: home
22 of Hartsfield International Airport, hub for two of the nation's largest railroads, networked

1 to the compass by four interstate highways, and having the southernmost terminus of
2 MARTA's commuter rapid rail; and

3 WHEREAS, with more than 8,000 hotel rooms and bountiful exhibit and meeting spaces,
4 including the current Georgia International Convention Center, and the new Convention
5 Center is being built for 2003 on Highway 29 in College Park, Georgia. South Fulton is a
6 powerful contributor to serving metro Atlanta's vital convention and hospitality industries;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, South Fulton County has more than 875 manufacturing and distribution firms
9 and the largest contiguous industrial park in the eastern United States; and

10 WHEREAS, of the 125,000 acres in South Fulton County, nearly 100,000 acres are available
11 for development; and

12 WHEREAS, development is underway of the area along South Fulton Parkway, including
13 plans to build upscale residential housing and a golf course, is indicative of the exciting
14 growth and progress of the county and its immense potential for future development; and

15 WHEREAS, South Fulton County legislators, commissioners, mayors, and citizens are
16 committed to working together to continuously improve the quality of life in South Fulton
17 County communities. They have successfully established such initiatives as the Educational
18 Wrap-Around Collaborative, which includes Parent University, Red Carpet Schools, and the
19 South Fulton Incubator Project; and

20 WHEREAS, with abundant resources and the commitment from all sectors of the community
21 to continue to work cooperatively for quality economic development, the future of South
22 Fulton County has never looked more promising; and

23 WHEREAS, the 2002 South Fulton County Legislative Day is dedicated to the purpose of
24 recognizing and celebrating the vibrancy and commitment to the community of the residents
25 of South Fulton County; and

26 WHEREAS, the Senator from the 35th District, Donzella James, has been the primary
27 sponsor of South Fulton County Legislative Day and is now serving her final term as State
28 Senator.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 recognize and observe South Fulton County Legislative Day at the Capitol on February 19,
3 2002, and heartily welcome to the Capitol the esteemed leaders and residents of South Fulton
4 County.