

House Resolution 1334

By: Representatives Porter of the 143rd, Coleman of the 142nd and Murphy of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the City of Dudley on its Centennial; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the City of Dudley, in Laurens County, Georgia, was incorporated by the
3 General Assembly in an Act approved on December 17, 1902, and the corporate powers of
4 the town were vested in a mayor and five councilmembers and that form of government
5 continues on the 100th anniversary of its founding; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the land comprising the City of Dudley was owned by Joshua Walker who
7 acquired the property on April 16, 1888, from Holmes Conrad and his wife Georgia Bryan
8 Conrad of Winchester, Virginia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1891, the Macon-Dublin Railroad was enticed to build a station in the area
10 and named it Elsie in honor of Mr. Walker's wife, but another station and post office with
11 that name existed so it was changed to Dudley in honor of Dudley M. Hughes of Twiggs
12 County who was very instrumental in getting the railroad built through the community; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in 1905, several prominent business leaders formed a bank that never closed
14 during the great depression and continues to serve as a trustworthy financial institution; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in the late 1930's, local business leaders formed the Oconee Electric
16 Membership Cooperative to provide electrical service within this rural area; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the citizens of Dudley have always rallied during difficult times and responded
18 to tragedies with resilience and a proud community spirit of unity and determination; and the
19 City of Dudley remains today a great place to live, work, and raise a family in Georgia.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body commend and congratulate the City of Dudley on its Centennial.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the City of Dudley.