

## House Resolution 231

By: Representatives Lucas of the 105<sup>th</sup>, Randall of the 107<sup>th</sup>, Birdsong of the 104<sup>th</sup>, Graves of the 106<sup>th</sup>, Jenkins of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Welcoming citizens and public officials from Macon and Bibb County, recognizing the 2003  
2 Cherry Blossom Festival, and inviting the mayor of the City of Macon, the chairperson of  
3 the Board of Commissioners of Bibb County, the chairperson of the Keep Macon-Bibb  
4 Beautiful Commission, and representatives from the International Cherry Blossom Festival  
5 to appear before this body; and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, public officials and citizens from Macon, Georgia, and Bibb County annually  
7 come to the General Assembly to meet with the area's legislative delegation. A healthy  
8 democracy demands an active interchange of ideas between citizens and their elected  
9 representatives; and

10 WHEREAS, the views of elected officials from the counties and cities of the state are always  
11 deeply interesting to members of the General Assembly, and the citizens and public officials  
12 from Macon and Bibb County frequently offer invaluable advice and counsel to their  
13 legislative delegation on the annual legislative visit; and

14 WHEREAS, the legislative delegation then looks forward to returning home to see the annual  
15 blooming of more than 275,000 Yoshino cherry trees in the City of Macon, an extravagant  
16 display of springtime color and blooms in the Cherry Blossom Capital of the World; and

17 WHEREAS, the International Cherry Blossom Festival, which will be held from March 21  
18 through March 30 this year, is sponsored each year by the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful  
19 Commission as a special celebration of the spring season which attracts over 700,000  
20 participants each year, and over 500 events are planned, most of which are free to the public;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, representatives of the city and county and the festival sponsors will again this  
23 year be distributing Yoshino cherry trees to members of the General Assembly and others

1 in promotion of the festival, and this gesture is greatly appreciated as it contributes  
2 significantly to the beautification of the state; and

3 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body recognize this excellent tradition and express its  
4 appreciation of the many contributions made to the State of Georgia by the annual  
5 International Cherry Blossom Festival.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
7 the members of this body welcome the citizens and public officials from Macon and Bibb  
8 County and recognize and appreciate the 2003 International Cherry Blossom Festival.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the mayor of the City of Macon, the chairperson of the  
10 Board of Commissioners of Bibb County, the chairperson of the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful  
11 Commission, and representatives from the International Cherry Blossom Festival are invited  
12 to appear before this body at a time and date designated by the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
15 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.