

Senate Resolution 314

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and celebrating the 125th anniversary of the founding of the City of Lavonia,  
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the City of Lavonia was named for Mrs. Lavonia Jones, the wife of the  
4 president of the Elberton-Airline Railroad; and

5 WHEREAS, the city is referred to as the "Gem of the Piedmont" because of its southern  
6 hospitality and stately homes in a variety of architectural designs including Georgian  
7 Revival, Victorian Eclectic, Neoclassical, Queen Anne, Gothic Revival, Renaissance  
8 Revival, and Greek Revival; and

9 WHEREAS, during its first 50 years, cotton and agribusiness were the economic mainstays  
10 of the city, however, since then it has attracted a diverse economic base; and

11 WHEREAS, the railroad offered Lavonia connections to major trading centers, particularly  
12 for those agricultural products which sustained the city's economy; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1904, the Lavonia Woman's Club bought eight acres of land and petitioned  
14 industrialist Andrew Carnegie for a \$5,000.00 grant to construct a library which resulted in  
15 Lavonia being the smallest town in the United States to have an original Carnegie library;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Lavonia has been named one of the most desired communities for retirement  
18 in the southeast and, in 1999, achieved the *Better Hometown* distinction; and

19 WHEREAS, although quiet and secluded, Lavonia is historically known to be a progressive  
20 city where visitors are mesmerized by the simple country lifestyle and its historic downtown  
21 decorated by gazebos and murals.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 recognize the 125th anniversary of the founding of the City of Lavonia and congratulate the  
3 mayor, the council, and all of the citizens of this unique community on this momentous  
4 occasion.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Mayor of the City of Lavonia.