

Senate Resolution 1028

By: Senator Kemp of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commemorating the centennial of the City of Winterville; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, land grants in the late 1700's brought settlers to what is now the Winterville area
3 in Athens-Clarke County; and
- 4 WHEREAS, with the building of Georgia's first railroad, housing began to cluster around a
5 wood and water stop called Six-Mile Station, six miles east of Athens on the
6 Oglethorpe-Clarke County line, in the 1840's; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the railroad attracted three brothers from Germany, surnamed Winter, and the
8 rail stop became known as Winter's Station; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1866, the Oglethorpe Post Office was designated as Winterville; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 1904, the City of Winterville was incorporated, and in 1906, the Oglethorpe
11 portion of the town was transferred to Clarke County; and
- 12 WHEREAS, today, Winterville retains its charter and is still a municipality, the only one
13 entirely located within the unified Athens-Clarke County; and
- 14 WHEREAS, many of Winterville's lovely Victorian homes were built in the 1870's and
15 1880's, and
- 16 WHEREAS, the 1920's was a peak time of economic activity in Winterville and newspaper
17 accounts at the time list five general stores, a drug store, a bank, two garages, two cotton
18 gins, two grist mills, and 510 residents; and

1 WHEREAS, Winterville has been home to some of the best schools in the area, with a
2 championship basketball team at the high school and many other school activities to boost
3 community spirit; and

4 WHEREAS, Winterville was home to the annual Marigold Festival from 1971 to 2002 and
5 funds from the festival were used to beautify and improve the community through the
6 renovation of buildings, furnishing of the building for the Winterville branch of the Athens
7 Regional Library, building of a playscape in the park, and many other projects; and

8 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commemorate the City of Winterville on its centennial and
9 to extend best wishes to the residents of this fine community.

10 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
11 commemorate the City of Winterville on its centennial and extend their most sincere best
12 wishes to the residents of the city for future success and happiness.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
14 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mayor Jim Mercer.