

Senate Resolution 939

By: Senator Bulloch of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Colquitt County; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 25, 1856, Colquitt County was created by an act of the Georgia
4 legislature, making it the 115th county in the state; and

5 WHEREAS, today, this thriving county in southwest Georgia is home to over 40,000 citizens
6 who take pride in their region's rich heritage and great promise for the future; and

7 WHEREAS, the county seat of Colquitt County is Moultrie, founded in 1879 and nationally
8 known as the "City of Beautiful Homes"; and

9 WHEREAS, noted for its gorgeous landscapes, sprawling oak trees, and stately homes,
10 Moultrie, a city of more than 15,000 residents, is widely recognized for its beauty and
11 historical value, and its entire commercial downtown area, as well as eight distinguished
12 structures throughout the community, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, besides Moultrie, Colquitt County boasts a number of charming small towns,
15 including Berlin, Doerun, Ellenton, Funston, Norman Park, and the tiny city of Riverside,
16 which, with a current population of 74, may be the smallest town in Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, although manufacturing is today the largest employment sector in the county,
18 Colquitt County has always been a state leader in agriculture, thanks to its long growing
19 season and various types of soil; and

20 WHEREAS, today, Colquitt County generates more nonpoultry agricultural revenue than any
21 other county in Georgia and is home to the largest annual farm show in the southeastern
22 United States, the Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition; and

1 WHEREAS, Colquitt County is home to the Moose Moss Aquatics Center, a world class
2 diving facility that served as a training site for the 1996 Olympic Games, and is a sportsman's
3 paradise with eight quail hunting preserves and excellent opportunities for wild turkey, deer,
4 and dove hunting; and

5 WHEREAS, from lush, rural landscapes to lovely southern towns, Colquitt County has a
6 wide and enduring appeal, and Georgia has been very blessed to have had such a vibrant
7 community in its midst for 150 years.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
9 join in commemorating and celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Colquitt
10 County and express their best wishes for many more years of prosperity for this treasure of
11 southwest Georgia.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Colquitt County Board of
14 Commissioners.