

House Resolution 1529

By: Representative Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of the City of Jefferson; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, this year, Jefferson, Georgia, is proudly celebrating its bicentennial anniversary,  
4 marking 200 years of proud heritage; and

5 WHEREAS, established on the site of a previous Indian settlement named Thomoccoggan,  
6 the city was designated the county seat of Jackson County on November 24, 1806; and

7 WHEREAS, in honor of President Thomas Jefferson, it was first incorporated as  
8 Jeffersonville, later changed to Jeffersonton before the name was shortened to its current  
9 form on June 30, 1824; and

10 WHEREAS, among the city's most famous residents was Dr. Crawford W. Long, who first  
11 used ether as anesthesia for surgery in Jefferson on March 30, 1842; today Jefferson is home  
12 to the Crawford W. Long Museum dedicated to his important medical legacy; and

13 WHEREAS, for several decades, Jefferson thrived as a mill town, but since Jefferson Mills  
14 and Wilkins Industries closed in 1990 and 2001, respectively, the city has prospered with  
15 new industries such as Kubota, Reckitt Benckiser, and World Technology Ingredients, in  
16 addition to companies such as Caterpillar, Seydel, Mission Foods, Ten Cate Nicholon, Shiloh  
17 Industries, Hitachi, and Sumitomo; and

18 WHEREAS, the city is especially proud of its outstanding educational traditions: the nation's  
19 first privately endowed public high school, Martin Institute, was chartered here in 1818, and  
20 today Jefferson City Schools have an extraordinary track record of academic achievement  
21 and have had the state's highest SAT scores for two years in a row; and

1 WHEREAS, the citizens of Jefferson are very proud of their vibrant history and great  
2 potential for the future, and Georgia has been very blessed to have this remarkable  
3 municipality in its midst for 200 years.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 the members of this body join in commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of  
6 the City of Jefferson and extend their very best wishes for many more years of continued  
7 prosperity for this very special community.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Jim Joiner,  
10 Mayor of the City of Jefferson.