A RESOLUTION

1 Welcoming citizens and public officials from Macon and Bibb County, observing February

2 28, 2006, as Macon Day in Atlanta-Taste of Macon; recognizing the 2006 Cherry Blossom

3 Festival; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, as a healthy democracy demands an active interchange of ideas between 5 citizens and their elected representatives, public officials and citizens from Macon and Bibb 6 County annually come to the General Assembly to meet with the area's legislative delegation;

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8 WHEREAS, the views of elected officials from the counties and cities of the state are always 9 deeply interesting to members of the General Assembly, and the citizens and public officials 10 from Macon and Bibb County frequently offer invaluable advice and counsel to their 11 legislative delegation on the annual legislative visit; and

12 WHEREAS, the officials and citizens from Macon and Bibb County have outstanding 13 leadership in Mayor C. Jack Ellis and Charles Bishop, Chairman of the Board of 14 Commissioners of Bibb County; and

15 WHEREAS, the legislative delegation from Macon and Bibb County annually awaits the 16 citizens and local officials' delegation from Macon and Bibb County with eager anticipation 17 both because of its invaluable advice and counsel and because of the culinary delights 18 afforded by The Taste of Macon; and

- 19 WHEREAS, the legislative delegation then looks forward to returning home to see the annual blooming of the Yoshino cherry trees in Macon and Bibb County, a beautiful sight signaling 20
- the arrival of spring in the State of Georgia; and 21
- 22 WHEREAS, the Cherry Blossom Festival is sponsored each year by the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission as a special celebration of the spring season, and throughout the year 23

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- 1 the citizens of Macon and Bibb County and the State of Georgia look forward to this period
- 2 and to the enjoyment of the many festivities planned; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the city and county and the festival sponsors will again this year be distributing Yoshino cherry trees to members of the General Assembly and others in promotion of the festival, and this gesture is greatly appreciated as it contributes significantly to the beautification of the state; and

- WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body recognize this excellent tradition and express its
 appreciation of the many contributions made to the State of Georgia by the annual Cherry
 Blossom Festival.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
 welcome the citizens and public officials from Macon and Bibb County, observing February
 28, 2006, as Macon Day in Atlanta-Taste of Macon, and recognize the 2006 Cherry Blossom
 Festival.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Honorable C. Jack Ellis and the
Honorable Charles Bishop.