

Senate Resolution 1066

By: Senator Schaefer of the 50th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating Towns County's sesquicentennial anniversary; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Towns County was created on March 6, 1856, from portions of Rabun County  
3 and Union County and was named for George W. Towns, an early Governor of the State of  
4 Georgia; and

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6 WHEREAS, the county was settled by sturdy immigrants who could endure both the  
7 isolation and extreme hardships of mountain life and weather; and

8 WHEREAS, the influence of the Cherokee Indians is reflected in names throughout the  
9 county, such as Enotah, Hiawassee, and Chatuge; and

10 WHEREAS, of the 106,240 acres of land in Towns County, 57,000 acres are included in the  
11 Chattahoochee National Forest and 7,000 acres are owned by the Tennessee Valley  
12 Authority; and

13 WHEREAS, the sesquicentennial celebration will kick off on March 4 at the Towns County  
14 Historical Society at the Anderson Music Hall; and

15 WHEREAS, the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders at Towns County Middle School are contributing  
16 to the celebration by completing chapters about the local history of Towns County (6th  
17 grade); about "Early History" discussing the founding, location, politics, changes in culture,  
18 geographical changes, industry, education, transportation, communication, and community  
19 events and happenings (7th grade); and about "An Oral History of the People of Towns  
20 County," which includes interviews with older lifelong residents of the county, and "Looking  
21 Ahead: Our Hopes for the Future of Towns County" (8th grade); and

22 WHEREAS, there will be a display of old photographs of Towns County including those  
23 from the 1956 centennial celebration and landscape views of the county.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 pay tribute to this great county and commend those who have worked for the betterment of  
3 its people over the past 150 years and who are working for the years to come.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Towns County Commission.