

House Resolution 164

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th and Amerson of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Celebrating the sesquicentennial anniversary of Dawson County; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the year 2007 marks the 150th anniversary of Dawson County's birth on
3 December 3, 1857, when it was formed from Lumpkin and Gilmer counties by the Georgia
4 legislature; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the county's name was chosen in honor of Captain William Crosby Dawson, a
6 United States senator, statesman, lawyer, and soldier; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in 1836 he was captain of volunteers under U.S. General Winfield Scott in the
8 Creek and Seminole Indian War in Florida; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Dawson County officials are considering plans to hold a grand sesquicentennial
10 event in May of 2007 and are preparing for a community-wide birthday celebration that will
11 involve Dawson businesses, civic organizations, historical societies, and public schools; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in honor of the sesquicentennial, a new county logo has been proposed that
13 incorporates a version of the beloved "Scotty Dog" along with the slogan, "Dawson County,
14 where quality of life matters"; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the anniversary celebration is an opportunity to memorialize the dedication and
16 hard work of generations past and present and to stimulate public interest in the history of
17 Dawson County and the United States; and
- 18 WHEREAS, as Dawson County continues to reach out with optimism into the 21st century,
19 it is proud to keep the memory of its beginning close to its heart in hopes that succeeding
20 generations will appreciate its heritage; and
- 21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize this historic milestone.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body join in celebrating the sequicentennial anniversary of Dawson
3 County and honor the rich heritage of its 150 years of existence in the State of Georgia.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the governing authority of
6 Dawson County.