

House Resolution 208

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and McCall of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the centennial anniversary of the City of Nicholson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, originally a community named Cooper, the town was established in Jackson
3 County, Georgia, in 1876 and was renamed Nicholson in honor of J. Nicholson, president of
4 the railroad line that passed through the town, and incorporated on August 22, 1907; and

5 WHEREAS, the addition of a fuel stop in the area encouraged growth, and the town was
6 soon home to a number of businesses such as a mattress factory, a hat factory, a jewelry
7 store, cotton gins, and general stores; and

8 WHEREAS, Nicholson was especially devastated during the Great Depression, and its
9 charter fell inactive from 1937 until the city was reenacted in 1972; and

10 WHEREAS, education has always been a high priority for the citizens of Nicholson who take
11 a special interest in public school functions, and the town has established a reputation as the
12 home of noted professionals in business, education, law, medicine, and the arts; and

13 WHEREAS, religious life has played a central role in the Nicholson community since its
14 beginning, and some of its earliest churches include Antioch United Methodist, established
15 in 1799; Nicholson Baptist, established in 1909; and Nicholson Pentecostal Fire-Baptized
16 Holiness, established in 1918; and

17 WHEREAS, the face of Nicholson has gone through many transformations as the years have
18 passed, and the old fuel stop has given way to more modern structures as the town adds new
19 businesses and residences for a growing and increasingly culturally diverse population; and

20 WHEREAS, Nicholson is proud of its warm hospitality, has welcomed residents from all
21 parts of the country and world, and has seen the growth of a large Hispanic community; and

1 WHEREAS, originally, city hall was located on the campus of Benton Elementary School;
2 it moved to a location adjacent to the Nicholson Area Volunteer Fire Department upon
3 completion of the new city hall building donated by the Jackson County Board of
4 Commissioners; and

5 WHEREAS, Nicholson opened its first public library in 1975, and the present building, the
6 Harold S. Swindle Public Library, was opened in 1990 and contains a notable Wall of Honor
7 which pays tribute to area military personnel dating from the Civil War to the present; and

8 WHEREAS, the library hosts a variety of community activities, including summer reading
9 programs and classes of interest to area residents, and, in honor of the town's centennial,
10 library supporters have compiled and are offering for sale a special Nicholson area
11 cookbook; and

12 WHEREAS, the City of Nicholson will celebrate its centennial anniversary on Saturday, June
13 30, 2007, and is planning a number of activities to commemorate its 100th birthday,
14 including the presentation of an historical play, a display of historical photographs, a digital
15 display of Nicholson families and scenes, a performance by a local storyteller, music by local
16 groups, traditional games, and fireworks; and

17 WHEREAS, the City of Nicholson continues to look with optimism toward the future while
18 keeping the proud memory of its beginning close to its heart to share with succeeding
19 generations.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body join in celebrating the centennial anniversary of the City of
22 Nicholson, Georgia, and honor the rich heritage of its 100 years.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mayor Ronnie Maxwell.