

## House Resolution 519

By: Representatives Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup> and McCall of the 30<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the centennial 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, agribusiness has played a major role in the economy of the area, and after the  
6 addition of a fuel stop, the town was soon home to a number of businesses such as a mattress  
7 factory, a hat factory, a jewelry 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  
11 take a special interest in public school functions, and the town has established a reputation  
12 as the home of noted professionals in business, education, law, medicine, the arts, and the  
13 ministry; and

14 WHEREAS, religious life has played a central role in the Nicholson community since its  
15 beginning, and some of its earliest churches include Antioch United Methodist, established  
16 in 1799; Nicholson United Methodist, established in 1906, closed in 1994, and now known  
17 as the Nicholson Civic Center; Nicholson Baptist, established in 1909; Nicholson Pentecostal  
18 Fire-Baptized Holiness, established in 1918; and Nicholson Congregational Holiness Church,  
19 established in 1921; and

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

1 WHEREAS, Nicholson is proud of its warm hospitality, and has welcomed residents from  
2 all parts of the country and world; and

3 WHEREAS, originally, city hall was located on the campus of Benton Elementary School;  
4 it moved to a location adjacent to the Nicholson Area Volunteer Fire Department and then  
5 to its present location in a building donated by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners  
6 located on Lakeview Drive; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, the City of Nicholson will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Saturday, June 30,  
15 2007 with the theme, "One Hundred Reasons to Celebrate Nicholson, Georgia," and is  
16 planning a number of activities to commemorate its 100th birthday, including the  
17 presentation of a historical play, a display of historical photographs, a digital display of  
18 Nicholson families and scenes, a performance by a local storyteller, music by local groups,  
19 traditional games, and fireworks; and

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

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

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