

Senate Resolution 726

By: Senators Butler of the 55th and Henson of the 41st

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the 125th birthday of the City of Clarkston; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston owes much of its beginning to the Georgia Railroad when
3 in 1930 they built a rail line through present day Clarkston to connect the city with the
4 merchants in Athens, Augusta, and South Carolina; and

5 WHEREAS, present day Clarkston is centrally located in DeKalb County, approximately ten
6 miles northeast of Atlanta, five miles east of Decatur, and five miles west of Stone Mountain;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the city was originally called New Siding after Jake New, a section foreman for
9 the Georgia Railroad; and

10 WHEREAS, the city was chartered by Governor Alexander H. Stevens on December 12,
11 1882, and renamed in honor of Colonel W. W. Clark, a Covington lawyer and director of the
12 Georgia Railroad; and

13 WHEREAS, the railroad connection made Clarkston accessible for commuting; and
14 Clarkston evolved into a community of homeowners working in Atlanta, thereby becoming
15 one of Atlanta's first suburban communities; and

16 WHEREAS, Clarkston's slogan is "A Small Town with a Big Heart Working Towards a New
17 Image and Moving Forward in a New Direction"; and

18 WHEREAS, residents and elected officials have enjoyed the small town atmosphere and
19 continue to celebrate Clarkston's historic beginnings while embracing the diversity of its
20 citizenry.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 join in celebrating the 125th birthday of the City of Clarkston, Georgia, and honor the rich
3 heritage of its 125 years.

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 Mayor Lee Swaney.