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House Resolution 1469

By: Representative Greene of the 149th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and congratulating the City of Fort Gaines on its 192nd birthday; and for other
- 2 purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Fort Gaines, the third oldest, continuously populated municipality in Georgia,
- 4 is celebrating its 192nd birthday; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Fort Gaines is a small rural community in Southwest Georgia and its history is
- 6 rich, its natural resources bountiful, and its citizens friendly; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the city was founded on April 2, 1816, by General Edmond Pendleton Gaines
- 8 as part of the settlement of the 20 million acre Tallassee Territory, which the United States
- 9 received after General Andrew Jackson won the Creek Indian War in 1814; and
- 10 WHEREAS, during its history, Fort Gaines has been a fortress two more times, once in 1836,
- during the Indian uprising resulting from their relocation to Oklahoma, and again in 1863,
- 12 as a Confederate States of America fort defending the Chattahoochee River against the Union
- 13 Navy who was proceeding upriver to Columbus, Georgia; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Fort Gaines began as an outpost along what was then America's western frontier
- and grew to a town in 1830, when General John Dill became the mayor; and
- 16 WHEREAS, it became the county seat in 1854 when Clay County was established, and grew
- to a city of over 6,000 in the 1950's and 1960's during the construction of the Walter F.
- 18 George dam, lock, reservoir, and lake; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Fort Gaines, overlooking Lake Walter F. George and known as the "Bass
- 20 Fishing Capital of America," is proud of the nearby George Bagby State Park, Lodge and
- 21 Marina; the Meadow Links Golf Course; the Frontier Village; the Phenomenon Hiking and

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1 Biking Trail; Georgia's renowned Sutton's Corner Frontier General Store Museum; the Fort

- 2 Gaines Historic District and the 200 year old Frontier Cemetery; and
- 3 WHEREAS, the Fort Gaines Historic Society is planning a celebration of Fort Gaines' 192nd
- 4 birthday by having an antique sale in the historic Hatchett Drug Store and a birthday
- 5 celebration in downtown Fort Gaines.
- $6\quad NOW, THEREFORE, BE\,IT\,RESOLVED\,BY\,THE\,HOUSE\,OF\,REPRESENTATIVES\,that$
- 7 the members of this body recognize and congratulate Fort Gaines, Georgia, on the
- 8 celebration of its 192nd birthday.
- 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the mayor of Fort Gaines,
- 11 Georgia.