

## Senate Resolution 22

By: Senators Seay of the 34th and Buckner of the 44th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the City of Forest Park, Georgia; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, 2008 marks the 100th Anniversary of the great City of Forest Park, Georgia,  
4 first settled in the 1820's and incorporated in 1908; and

5 WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park was originally established as "Astor, Georgia," serving  
6 as a "wood and water stop" on the Central of Georgia Railroad for steam locomotive trains  
7 traveling in and out of Atlanta; and

8 WHEREAS, the city was later renamed "Forest Park" by the Central of Georgia Railroad  
9 because of the many park areas deeded to the city by the railroad, and in 1952, the city  
10 charter was amended to reflect the name change to Forest Park; and

11 WHEREAS, Forest Park has emerged as viable center of commerce, home of the Atlanta  
12 State Farmers Market, the world's largest state-owned farmers' market, and much of the city's  
13 growth and development took place in the late 1950's through the middle 1960's; and

14 WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park, located approximately 11 miles south of Atlanta,  
15 encompasses more than 9 square miles, has a population of nearly 22,000 people, is home  
16 to a 1,500 acre United States Army compound known as Fort Gillem, and is one of 60  
17 municipalities in Georgia to be designated as a "Certified City" by the Georgia Municipal  
18 Association, Georgia Power Company, and Georgia Institute of Technology; and

19 WHEREAS, today's Forest Park maintains the same vitality, neighborliness, and suburban  
20 charm that have so characterized its long and distinguished history, and is a prime example  
21 of the warmth and hospitality of its citizens; and

22 WHEREAS, Forest Park held a celebration in August, 2008, to commemorate the founding  
23 and first century of existence of the city.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the City of Forest Park  
25 is hereby joined in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the City of Forest  
26 Park, and each citizen of this unique community is congratulated on this momentous  
27 occasion.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the City of Forest Park.