

House Resolution 1158

By: Representatives Carter of the 175th, Shaw of the 176th, and Black of the 174th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the City of Valdosta on its sesquicentennial anniversary; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in December of 1860, the City of Valdosta was established by Act of the
4 Georgia General Assembly as the new county seat for Lowndes County; and

5 WHEREAS, named in honor of Governor George Troup's estate, Valle d'Aosta, the City of
6 Valdosta has prospered as the site of government, transportation, and commerce over the past
7 100 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Valdosta has become the hub of today's commercial and civic life for a 15
9 county region in South Georgia and North Florida, with the city offering a diverse mix of
10 industries to its many residents and visitors; and

11 WHEREAS, Valdosta has flourished as a center for religious, educational, and cultural
12 institutions and is the epicenter for numerous civic and social organizations; and

13 WHEREAS, voted *ESPN's* TitleTown U.S.A. in 2008 by fans across America, Valdosta
14 provides outstanding quality of life through parks and recreation, arts and culture, and a
15 thriving downtown district that serves as the heart of the community; and

16 WHEREAS, in commemoration of Valdosta's 150th anniversary, the city will hold a series
17 of events and programs for its citizens highlighting the city's milestones, traditions, and
18 legacy, culminating with a community-wide gathering; and

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend the City of Valdosta on its distinguished 150 year history
24 and join with the citizens and officials in celebrating its sesquicentennial.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the mayor of Valdosta,
27 Georgia.