

## House Resolution 955

By: Representatives Powell of the 29<sup>th</sup> and McCall of the 30<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Madison County on the occasion of its bicentennial  
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Madison County, Georgia, was formed on December 5, 1811, and was officially  
4 named after President James Madison; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia's 38th county, Madison County was originally inhabited by Creek and  
6 Cherokee Indians and has been primarily an agricultural county for most of its history; and

7 WHEREAS, Madison County's seat is Danielsville, which was named for General Allen  
8 Daniels, a Revolutionary War hero who donated land for public buildings soon after the  
9 county was established; and

10 WHEREAS, the county's most famous native son is Crawford Long, who was born in  
11 Danielsville in 1815 and was the first physician to use sulfuric ether as anesthesia during  
12 surgery; and

13 WHEREAS, Madison County is home to Georgia's third oldest church, New Hope  
14 Presbyterian Church, which was established in 1788; and

15 WHEREAS, the county shares this state's longest covered bridge, located in Watson Mill  
16 Bridge State Park, with Oglethorpe County; and

17 WHEREAS, Madison County's Bicentennial Committee has organized events to honor the  
18 county's 200th anniversary to be held throughout 2011 and include fundraising events, the  
19 construction of a commemorative wall display at the Government Complex, storytelling  
20 events of the county's history, contests, and a fun-filled festival to be held on September 24,  
21 2011; and

22 WHEREAS, the dedicated members of the Bicentennial Committee include Chairperson  
23 Rhonda Wooten, Dianne Anderson, Luanne Byrd, Sandra Webb, Linda Fortson, Dick  
24 Perpall, and Will Mauldin; and

25 WHEREAS, on December 5, 2011, at the conclusion of the year-long celebration, a  
26 reenactment of the 1811 commissioners' meeting in full period dress followed by an elegant  
27 reception will be held; and

28 WHEREAS, throughout its 200 years, Madison County has been home to many talented and  
29 dedicated men and women who have contributed substantially to the progress and  
30 development of their community, its civic organizations, and the economic vitality of the  
31 state; and

32 WHEREAS, Madison County continues to look with optimism toward the future while  
33 keeping the proud memory of its beginning close to its heart to share with succeeding  
34 generations.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body commend Madison County on its distinguished 200 year history  
37 and join with the citizens and officials in celebrating its bicentennial.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Madison County's  
40 Bicentennial Committee.