

Senate Resolution 180

By: Senator Wilkinson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 19, 2013, as Toccoa-Stephens County Day at the state capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the City of Toccoa was established in 1874, and legend says it was named by
4 the Cherokee tribe who called the area "Toccocah," which means "beautiful"; and

5 WHEREAS, Stephens County was created in 1905 and named for Alexander Stephens, who
6 served as a United States Representative from 1843 to 1859 and Governor of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, the City of Toccoa and Stephens County have been recognized for numerous
8 awards and accolades over the years, including a Signature Community city and an
9 Entrepreneur Friendly county; and

10 WHEREAS, the Toccoa-Stephens County Chamber of Commerce was designated with
11 4-Star accreditation by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and is committed to serving as an
12 advocate for local businesses, a community partner, and an economic growth generator; and

13 WHEREAS, the mission of the Toccoa-Stephens County Development Authority is to
14 encourage and support the expansion and development of industrial and commercial facilities
15 in Stephens County in order to promote employment; and

16 WHEREAS, all six schools in the Stephens County School System were recognized by the
17 Georgia Department of Education as Reward Schools and the Stephens County Hospital was
18 named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's Top Hospital List; and

19 WHEREAS, the area has been home to the Toccoa Symphony and the Northeast Georgia
20 Community Concerts, providing a community that balances work and play; and

21 WHEREAS, the area celebrates all things Currahee, including the Currahee Vineyards and
22 Winery, the Currahee Military Museum, Camp Toccoa at Currahee, and the Currahee Club,
23 a stunning mountain golf course community atop the shores of Lake Hartwell, designed by
24 acclaimed architect Jim Fazio, and recognized as one of *The Rolex World's* Top 1,000 Golf
25 Courses; and

26 WHEREAS, incredible leaders call Toccoa-Stephens County home, including Chairman of
27 the Stephens County Commission Stanley London, Mayor of Toccoa David Austin,
28 Chairman of the Development Authority Board David Austin, Chairman of the Chamber of
29 Commerce Board Lee Ellen Fields, Chairman of the Chamber's Government Affairs
30 Committee Brian Akin, Executive Director of the Development Authority Tim Martin, and
31 President of the Chamber of Commerce Wendi Bailey; and

32 WHEREAS, a county that supports great economic growth for the state and has such rich
33 history and traditions is worthy of recognition by this body.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 recognize the great achievements of Toccoa-Stephens County and its citizens and recognize
36 February 19, 2013, as Toccoa-Stephens County Day at the state capitol.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to members of the public and the press.