

Senate Resolution 437

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Dahlonega Woman's Club on the occasion of its 100 year anniversary; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, first formed as the Woman's Home and School Improvement Club in 1912, the  
4 group joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1913, and in 2013, the  
5 organization will celebrate its 100 year anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, the Dahlonega Woman's Club (DWC) is an education and service organization  
7 of women dedicated to individual and community improvement, and in 1917, the Dahlonega  
8 Woman's Club started the Stephenson Library, the first public library in Lumpkin County,  
9 named after Matthew Stephenson in recognition of his book collection, which was donated  
10 by his granddaughter; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1942, the DWC and the Lions Club helped fund work on the Community  
12 House using local youth between the ages of 17 and 25; and

13 WHEREAS, during World War II, the organization helped to sell liberty bonds, planted  
14 victory gardens, canned food for Army camps, and helped with USO work; the Community  
15 House was used as a social hall for servicemen assigned to the college; and club members  
16 served as hostesses; and

17 WHEREAS, the DWC started the annual Public Square community Christmas tree lighting  
18 and decorating and promoted a Better Hometown contest and white Christmas and harvest  
19 festivals; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1966, the Community House was rededicated to honor Mrs. Jonathan Rogers,  
21 and in 1990, renovations began under the guidance of Margaret Owen, who also worked to  
22 create a \$15,000 scholarship endowment fund; and

23 WHEREAS, the DWC supports and participates in local charities and events, and volunteers  
24 actively serve at the Community Helping Place, NOA, Rainbow Children's Home, Lumpkin  
25 County Literacy Coalition, CASA, the Library Board, the Dahlonega Literary Festival, and  
26 Meals on Wheels; and

27 WHEREAS, club members attend city and county government meetings, host parties for  
28 residents of Gold City Assisted Living, and support local events, such as the Veteran's Day  
29 and Memorial Day celebration's Flags and Markers; and

30 WHEREAS, the DWC provides college scholarships to Lumpkin County High School  
31 graduates attending the University of North Georgia as well as scholarships to adults who are  
32 returning to school to pursue a degree or career training; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of the  
34 Dahlonega Woman's Club are appropriately recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
36 recognize the Dahlonega Woman's Club for its service to Lumpkin County and to the State  
37 of Georgia and congratulate it upon the grand occasion of its 100 year anniversary.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Dahlonega Woman's Club.