

Senate Resolution 802

By: Senator Wilkinson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Habersham County and recognizing February 19, 2014, as Habersham County
2 Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, established in 1818, Habersham County was named for Colonel Joseph
4 Habersham and was originally an area of 713 square miles; and

5 WHEREAS, with a present size at 279 square miles and a population approaching 45,000,
6 Habersham provides a diverse culture and is home to Tallulah Gorge, the Niagra Falls of the
7 South; and

8 WHEREAS, Poet Sidney Lanier waxed about the county's southwest border, the
9 Chattahoochee River, in *The Song of the Chattahoochee*, "out of the hills of Habersham,
10 down the valleys of Hall"; and

11 WHEREAS, holding the distinction of starting and ending in Habersham County, the Soque
12 Rivers offers the best fly fishing east of the Mississippi, and other outdoor attractions in
13 Habersham include Lake Russell, Panther Creek Falls, and many beautiful waterfalls, hiking
14 trails, and rafting opportunities; and

15 WHEREAS, Habersham County's Clarkesville was voted by a *Rand McNally* poll as the
16 number two Best Small Town for Retirement in the United States, with state-of-the-art
17 medical facilities and a nationally recognized hospital; and

18 WHEREAS, Habersham is home to five historical museums and two historic colleges,
19 Piedmont College, with doctorate degree programs, and North Georgia Technical College,
20 the first technical college in the state; and

21 WHEREAS, with farming as the number one industry in Habersham and tourism as number
22 two, Habersham offers attractions from outdoor recreation to cultural activities, including art
23 galleries and active community theater; and

24 WHEREAS, Habersham provides a supportive environment for business and industry, with
25 existing industries ranging from international companies to small businesses; and

26 WHEREAS, Habersham County continues to look with optimism toward the future while
27 keeping the proud memory of its beginning close to its heart to share with succeeding
28 generations.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend Habersham County on its distinguished history and recognize February 19, 2014,
31 as Habersham County Day at the state capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Habersham County.