

House Resolution 1328

By: Representatives England of the 116th, Quick of the 117th, and Kirby of the 114th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Barrow County on its 100th year anniversary; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the first efforts to form a county around Jug Tavern (now Winder) began prior
4 to the War Between the States as early as 1835; and

5 WHEREAS, the town known as Jug Tavern grew from a sleepy little village to a bustling
6 city with the help of the Gainesville Midland Railroad which came through in the 1880s and
7 the Seaboard Airline Railroad in the 1890s; and

8 WHEREAS, economic development, trade, travel, and culture for the local citizens all
9 benefited greatly from the two railroads that traversed the town within five blocks of each
10 other; and

11 WHEREAS, the town of Jug Tavern was renamed Winder in 1893 for the railroad executive
12 who agreed to run the tracks close to the center of town rather than several miles away; and

13 WHEREAS, three counties came together in the middle of Winder, and with county lines
14 running through the middle of streets, even the middle of people's homes and property, legal
15 problems abounded with property transactions and other legal matters needing to be filed in
16 two or three different county seats 15-20 miles away (by dirt road); and

17 WHEREAS, a bill passed the legislature in 1914 and Governor John M. Slaton signed the
18 law creating Barrow County on July 7, 1914; and

19 WHEREAS, Barrow County was named after David Crenshaw Barrow, chancellor of the
20 University of Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, Barrow County was the birthplace of Richard Brevard Russell, Jr. whose father,
22 Richard Brevard Russell, Sr., served as Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court; and

23 WHEREAS, Richard Brevard Russell, Jr. served Barrow County as Speaker of the Georgia
24 House of Representatives, he was the youngest Governor of the State of Georgia, a candidate
25 for the democratic nomination for President of the United States in 1948 and 1952, and
26 served as a United States Senator from Georgia from 1933 until his death in 1971; and

27 WHEREAS, Barrow County was once known as the "Work Clothes Center of the World"
28 because of the large number of textile manufacturing plants in the area; and

29 WHEREAS, the world-renowed Chateau Elan Winery is located in northern Barrow County;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, Barrow County is known as the home of Nodoroc, a dormant mud volcano that
32 was the center of a Native American religion and ritual, and also the haunt of the Infernal
33 Wog, which was said to be half-wolf and half-hog; and

34 WHEREAS, in 1948, veteran-owned Carlyle Blakey farm was the scene of a modern miracle
35 organized by the Soil Conservation Service and witnessed by 60,000 people from all over
36 the United States and the world; over 300 workers operated over \$1,000,000 worth of
37 equipment (1948 dollars) to fill in gullies, build a farm pond, construct a barn, and take other
38 steps necessary to convert the farm from erosion gutted land to prime farming and pasture
39 land, resulting in it being listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body recognize and commend Barrow County on its 100th year
42 anniversary.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of House of Representatives is authorized and
44 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Barrow County.