

## House Resolution 1337

By: Representatives Anderson of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Stephenson of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Rutledge of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Kirby of the 114<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 16, 2014, as the 160th anniversary of the founding of Conyers,  
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, while the City of Conyers was established in 1854, the history of Conyers and  
4 Rockdale County dates back more than 10,000 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Conyers was home to the prosperous mill community known as Milstead, and  
6 the mill employed some 700 workers and provided exceptional amenities to its workers,  
7 including housing, churches, a public school, post office, hotel, railroad, company store, drug  
8 store, and recreational facilities that featured a golf course and swimming pool; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1960, Callaway Mills closed the Milstead operation; however, the churches  
10 and bungalow-type houses of the village still stand today and are home to many residents  
11 who continue to enjoy this unique and historic area of Conyers; and

12 WHEREAS, like many Georgia towns, Conyers takes pride in its "sidewalk churches"; along  
13 Main Street today, Presbyterian and Methodist churches stand side-by-side; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1878, First United Methodist began a legacy of joint action in a joint revival  
15 with its Presbyterian neighbors, and the revival resulted in more than 100 new members and  
16 the closing of nine saloons in Conyers; these churches continue to have joint services  
17 throughout the year; and

18 WHEREAS, several citizens of Rockdale County joined communities across the nation in  
19 helping the Trappists finish The Monastery of The Holy Spirit, which stands today southeast  
20 of Conyers off Georgia Highway 212; and

21 WHEREAS, the City of Conyers is known for its progressive movements; native sons and  
22 daughters garnered national recognition in following Sally Fannie Gleaton, a leading  
23 suffragette during the progressive period following Reconstruction; and

24 WHEREAS, additionally, progressives Roland Reagan and Harry Downs made the school  
25 system a model for the entire state in peaceful integration and academic excellence; and

26 WHEREAS, in the summer of 1996, more than 600,000 tourists experienced the pleasures  
27 of the community during the Centennial Olympic Games by visiting the Conyers Welcome  
28 Center, which is maintained by the Rockdale Historical Society; and

29 WHEREAS, the Olympics put Conyers and Rockdale County not only on the map, but also  
30 in the minds of thousands who soon began relocating their homes, families, and businesses  
31 to the area; and

32 WHEREAS, Conyers has now grown to more than 15,000 residents and is a combination of  
33 small town and big city and of rural scenes and urban shopping; the population now reflects  
34 many nationalities, races, and religions; and

35 WHEREAS, most importantly, the community reflects an amazing legacy of progress,  
36 involvement, and society where all citizens have contributed and feel a sense of belonging.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
38 the members of this body recognize February 16, 2014, as the 160th anniversary of the  
39 founding of Conyers, Georgia, and express their sincerest best wishes of continued success  
40 and progress.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.