

## Senate Resolution 1019

By: Senators Ginn of the 47th, Unterman of the 45th, Cowsert of the 46th and Gooch of the 51st

## 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-renowned 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
41 recognize and commend Barrow County on its 100th year anniversary.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
43 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Barrow County.