

Senate Resolution 1063

By: Senator Henson of the 41st

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing May 10, 2014, as the 61st Annual Tucker Day; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Tucker is one of those special areas in Georgia that help to make this state such  
3 a wonderful place in which to live, work, raise children, and retire; and
- 4 WHEREAS, this thriving community has a long and rich history and a bright future that  
5 knows no limitations or boundaries; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in the 1800's, the Tucker area was initially bequeathed by the governor of  
7 Georgia to Greenville Henderson as a 3,000 acre reward for his valiant battles during the  
8 Indian Wars, and on such property Mr. Henderson operated large apple orchards, corn fields,  
9 and a prosperous whiskey and brandy making business for many years; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Tucker area was the site of a strategic maneuver during the Civil War in  
11 1864, when the Union army crossed the Chattahoochee River to arrive at Browning's  
12 Courthouse in Tucker to destroy the Georgia railroad near Stone Mountain, isolating Atlanta  
13 from the east; and
- 14 WHEREAS, growth has been steady in Tucker since 1892, when the Georgia, Carolina, and  
15 Northern Railroads built the railroad through the center of what is now Main Street; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Tucker is the highest point of elevation of the CSX railroad line between  
17 Atlanta and Richmond, Virginia; the final resting place of four United States Revolutionary  
18 War soldiers: Peter Cash, Daniel Fones, Edward Levell, and Graner Whitley; the location of  
19 the WSB "Welcome South, Brother" radio transmitter for more than 70 years; the starting  
20 point of the South Fork Peachtree Creek, Burnt Fork Creek, Camp Creek, and Henderson  
21 Mill Creek; and the location of seven Georgia Historical Commission markers; and

22 WHEREAS, Tucker is a place where companies can find good employees, plenty of growth  
23 opportunities, and supportive business associations as evidenced by the number and types  
24 of businesses that have chosen Tucker as their home, including but not limited to Oglethorpe  
25 Power Corporation, Big Green Egg, Inc., the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association, YP Holdings  
26 LLC, the Tucker Mattress Company, Matthew's Cafeteria, Northlake Festival Shopping  
27 Center, Cofer Crossing Shopping Center, Cofer Brothers, Inc., and Bikeways of Tucker; and

28 WHEREAS, educating its children is of utmost importance in Tucker where Tucker Middle  
29 School is on track to be the first state certified STEM middle school in Georgia and Livsey  
30 Elementary School, Evansdale Elementary School, and Midvale Elementary School have  
31 each been recognized as Georgia Schools of Excellence; and

32 WHEREAS, Tucker's present population of more than 27,000 makes up a thriving  
33 community interwoven into the civic and cultural fabric of Georgia; and

34 WHEREAS, the citizens of Tucker are known for their volunteerism and community  
35 involvement having produced tens of thousands of volunteer hours, more than most  
36 communities in Georgia, resulting in recognitions such as the Tucker Civic Association's  
37 Rivers Alive event winning the Nonprofit Association of the Year Award for the State of  
38 Georgia by the Georgia Department of Environmental Protection and Tucker High School's  
39 Habitat for Humanity chapter being acknowledged as one of the top high school chapters in  
40 the nation; and

41 WHEREAS, it is important for us as Georgians to celebrate the role of history in our daily  
42 lives, and to preserve the heritage that has shaped us as a state and as a nation; and

43 WHEREAS, for 61 years the residents of Tucker have come together annually on the second  
44 Saturday of May to celebrate the memories of yesterday, the prosperity of today, and the  
45 promise of tomorrow in a spirit of good cheer that is a shining example of fellowship for the  
46 entire State of Georgia; and

47 WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body join in recognition of this auspicious occasion in honor  
48 of Tucker, Georgia, a close-knit, real community worthy of such praise and attention.

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body hereby  
50 recognizes May 10, 2014, as the 61st annual Tucker Day and calls the observance to the  
51 attention of the citizens of this state.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
53 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the officials of Tucker.