

Senate Resolution 1086

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 100th anniversary of Evans County, Georgia; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Evans County was established on August 11, 1914, by an Act of the Georgia
3 General Assembly, which was ratified by the citizens of Georgia on November 3, 1914; and

4 WHEREAS, partitioned from Tattnall and Bulloch counties, the new county was named in
5 honor of Clement Evans, a noted lawyer, Confederate General, eminent minister, and
6 esteemed author; and

7 WHEREAS, the county's development was closely linked with agriculture and the growth
8 of railroads, and the area's towns of Daisy, Claxton, Hagan, and Bellville all began as train
9 depots; and

10 WHEREAS, Evans County can boast having Georgia's first female elected sheriff, Josie Mae
11 Rogers, and its county seat, Claxton, designated as the "Fruitcake Capital of the World";
12 these distinctions, and many others, make Evans County unique; and

13 WHEREAS, Evans County history claims home to a number of notable people, including Dr.
14 Curtis Hames, Sr., an internationally recognized cardiologist; Cartha Deke DeLoach, the
15 number one person under J. Edgar Hoover at the FBI; Albert Parker, a civic leader and first
16 mass marketer of Claxton Fruit Cake; nationally known news correspondent Brooke
17 Anderson; and former President Pro Tem of the Georgia Senate, Senator Joe Kennedy; and

18 WHEREAS, Evans County citizens symbolize a vision of self-reliance and demonstrate the
19 best of small-town American values and rural progress; and

20 WHEREAS, throughout 2014, local citizens will use this occasion to highlight the rich
21 heritage of Evans County by renewing their commitment to showcase the many noteworthy
22 historical events which have taken place during the previous 100 years; and

23 WHEREAS, by reaching the centennial celebration milestone, the people of Evans County
24 demonstrate dedication and hard work to maintaining a positive community environment
25 now and for generations to come.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize the 100th anniversary of Evans County, Georgia, and express their sincerest best
28 wishes for continued success in the years to come.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.