

Senate Resolution 1194

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Counties of Dawson, Lumpkin, White, Union, and Fannin as part of the  
2 Georgia Gigabit Community; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a critical part of the growth and economic future of the State of Georgia and its  
4 local communities is broadband capacity, which is now a vital infrastructure that is ranked  
5 in importance with transportation, electricity, water, sewer, and skilled workforce; and

6 WHEREAS, high-speed, high-capacity broadband provides abundant access to the Internet  
7 and allows communities to compete in the global economy and expand digital jobs,  
8 entrepreneurship, education, commerce, training, and innovation; and

9 WHEREAS, all Georgia communities aspire to participate in the digital economy and offer  
10 the higher skills, higher wages, and emerging business and educational opportunities enabled  
11 by the presence of high-speed broadband; and

12 WHEREAS, a growing number of Georgia communities now have the potential to provide  
13 fiber optic Gigabit broadband services, as represented by broadband providers to the Georgia  
14 Technology Authority under its broadband mapping, planning, and information program  
15 called Digital Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that these communities have been identified as able to  
17 provide a Gigabit of high-speed broadband internet service, signifying their readiness to  
18 participate in the emerging digital economy and preparedness for the Information Age.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
20 recognize the Counties of Dawson, Lumpkin, White, Union, and Fannin as part of the  
21 Georgia Gigabit Community, and extend to them the most sincere best wishes in creating  
22 innovation, opportunity, and prosperity for their citizens and providing an example to other  
23 communities of leadership in Georgia's digital future.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Counties of Dawson, Lumpkin, White,  
26 Union, and Fannin.