

Senate Resolution 1221

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Williams of the 19th, Carter of the 1st, Crosby of the 13th, Staton of the 18th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Bartow County Chamber of Commerce for its 125th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the chamber's mission is to be the catalyst for the business community by
4 serving as its advocate, by promoting education and strategic economic growth, and by
5 providing programs and services that enhance the quality of life for the entire community;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Bartow County has welcomed several businesses to its community throughout
8 its 125 years of existence, including American Textile Company Mill, Shaw Industries, and
9 Goodyear; and

10 WHEREAS, in the 1940's the chamber helped to bring operations of the Allatoona Dam and
11 Plant Bowen into the county; and

12 WHEREAS, the first charter for the Bartow County Chamber of Commerce was issued by
13 the Bartow Superior Court on July 13, 1889; those petitioning the creation of the chamber
14 at that time were J.A. Stover, E. Strickland, R.G. Mays, W.C. Baker, J.P. Jones, R.W.
15 Satterfield, and J.R. Wikle; and

16 WHEREAS, the first female United States Senator, Rebecca Felton, was once a member of
17 the Bartow County Chamber of Commerce; and

18 WHEREAS, Cartersville-Bartow County is a vibrant, business-friendly community with
19 excellent educational opportunities and an outstanding quality of life, with state of the art
20 museums and library facilities, top-flight resorts, and recreational areas; and

21 WHEREAS, in the 1970's and 1980's, the chamber lobbied for the four-lane expansion of
22 Highway 41, completion of Interstate 75, and the downtown railroad overpass, improving
23 transportation for the Cartersville community; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1987, the chamber was instrumental in bringing Chattahoochee Technical
25 College to Bartow County, and the county is now home to an additional educational
26 institution, Georgia Highlands College; and

27 WHEREAS, in 2013, the chamber worked to bring two large projects to Bartow County,
28 Voestalpine, an Austrian auto parts supplier, and the Lake Point Sports Complex, a \$2 billion
29 endeavor.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend the Bartow County Chamber of Commerce for its 125th anniversary
32 and express their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Bartow County Chamber of
35 Commerce.