

House Resolution 2015

By: Representative Greene of the 151st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Fort Gaines 200: A Bicentennial Commemoration; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, during the Creek Indian War, in late December, 1815, General Edmond Gaines
4 was instructed by General Andrew Jackson to establish a fort down river from Fort Mitchell,
5 Alabama, to protect the newly acquired land of the Tallassee Territory, the settlers of
6 Franklin, Alabama, and the surveyors running the boundary lines of the Tallassee Territory;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, on April 2, 1816, General Gaines, by way of the Chattahoochee River, reached
9 the Cemocheechee Creek where a camp of soldiers, including 100 Choctaw Indians,
10 headed by Sergeant Blue waited for General Gaines and his men to come to establish the fort;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the site was located about 130 feet high on the eastern bluff of the
13 Chattahoochee River and had a commanding view of the Indian land below as well as all
14 traffic up and down the river; and

15 WHEREAS, the strategy was that the small complement of soldiers would be reinforced by
16 the muskets of the citizen-soldiers who sought the safety of its stockade; the 4th Infantry
17 honored General Gaines by giving his name to this small frontier installation; and

18 WHEREAS, at this time, the area of the newly established fort was home to a village of
19 Lower Creek Indians, and their chief, Otus Micco, refused to pledge allegiance to the United
20 States; he led his tribe to Spanish Florida where they joined the Seminole Indians; and

21 WHEREAS, a replica of the fort stands today near the original site and is part of "Frontier
22 Village," which is an early 1800s village representing early frontier life; and

23 WHEREAS, in the year 2016, Clay County and the City of Fort Gaines, Georgia, will be
24 joined by Henry County, Alabama, to commemorate the bicentennial of the establishment
25 of the fort; and

26 WHEREAS, it is the goal and vision of Fort Gaines 200 to share the rich cultural heritage of
27 the Fort Gaines area by hosting several events during the summer of 2016; and

28 WHEREAS, these events include building a replica of a traditional Creek Indian village at
29 Frontier Village to honor and share the culture of these native people alongside the frontier
30 way of life during the early 1800s; and

31 WHEREAS, it is the hope that Fort Gaines 200 will demonstrate, commemorate, preserve,
32 and educate all that visit Frontier Village in Fort Gaines, Georgia, during the bicentennial and
33 for years beyond.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize and commend Fort Gaines 200: A Bicentennial
36 Commemoration and express their most sincere best wishes for the event's success.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sheri Baker.