

Senate Resolution 689

By: Senator Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 3, 2016, as Albany-Dougherty County Day at the capitol and
2 commending the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce has served the interests of the Albany
4 area business community with distinction for 106 years; and

5 WHEREAS, the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce combines the efforts of businesses,
6 governmental leaders, and professional individuals to ensure a business climate conducive
7 to economic growth; to drive collaboration between governmental agencies, educational
8 institutions, and the business community; to support initiatives that facilitate opportunities
9 for job creation and business investment; to market Albany as an ideal tourism destination;
10 and to improve the quality of life for Albany area citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, it ranks among the top tenth percentile of all chambers of commerce in the
12 country, as accredited by the United States Chamber of Commerce; and

13 WHEREAS, Albany-Dougherty County is known for its tourist attractions and outdoor
14 recreational opportunities, natural resources, educational institutions, Marine Corps Logistics
15 Base Albany, and global industries, including Procter & Gamble, MillerCoors, Mars
16 Chocolate North America, Pfizer, and Coats & Clark; and

17 WHEREAS, the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce manages and directs the Albany
18 Convention & Visitors Bureau, which is recognized as one of the most successful visitor
19 centers in the state with an annual tourism related economic impact of \$221 million, whose
20 executive director received the 2015 Larry Allen Tourism Award and which has received the
21 2015 Reader's Choice Award for professionalism, customer service, and quality facilities by
22 *Convention South* magazine and is fully certified as a Gold Destination Marketing
23 Organization by the Georgia Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

24 WHEREAS, it is one of the largest chambers in the State of Georgia, serving nearly 1,000
25 members and representing the private, public, education, and nonprofit sectors and markets
26 including manufacturing, health care, distribution and logistics, defense, finance, agriculture,
27 and retail; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the 106th anniversary of the Albany Area
29 Chamber of Commerce be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize February 3, 2016, as Albany-Dougherty County Day at the capitol and
32 congratulate the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce on 106 years of excellence serving the
33 economic hub of Southwest Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Albany Area
36 Chamber of Commerce.