

House Resolution 1128

By: Representatives Williams of the 119th, Quick of the 117th, Kaiser of the 59th, McCall of the 33rd, Carter of the 175th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Watkinsville Garden Club on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Watkinsville Garden Club was formed in 1940 by a group of interested
4 people led by Mr. Ellis Garrett, a vocational teacher at Watkinsville High School; and

5 WHEREAS, the group was assisted in organizing by The Ladies Garden Club of Athens, the
6 first garden club in America, and federated with the National Council of Garden Clubs in
7 1941; and

8 WHEREAS, the club's civic and beautification projects have included the planting of
9 flowers, shrubs, and trees at local school grounds, Camellia Memorial Garden, the County
10 Court House, Watkinsville Cemetery, Harris Shoals Park, Eagle Tavern, the Oconee County
11 Library, Herman C. Michael Park, Elder's Mill Covered Bridge Flower Garden, North High
12 Shoals Park and Post Office; and

13 WHEREAS, at the recommendation of the Watkinsville Garden Club, Oconee County
14 adopted the Eastern Redbud as their official tree and the Shasta Daisy as their official flower,
15 and the Watkinsville City Council adopted the Daylily as the city's official flower; and

16 WHEREAS, the members have provided gardening experience and assistance to the students
17 of Rocky Branch Elementary School in Watkinsville in support of Shawna McGrath's
18 "Gardening with a Purpose" initiative; and

19 WHEREAS, the club has received awards and recognition for many of the activities and
20 goals accomplished throughout the years.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize the Watkinsville Garden Club on its 75th anniversary.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
25 Watkinsville Garden Club.