

Senate Resolution 812

By: Senator McKoon of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Harris and Meriwether Counties and recognizing January 27, 2016, as Harris
2 and Meriwether County Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Harris County was incorporated on December 17, 1827, and named for Georgia
4 Judge, Attorney, and Mayor of Savannah Charles Harris; and

5 WHEREAS, Meriwether County was incorporated on December 14, 1827, and named for
6 General David Meriwether, a state legislator, United States Congressman, and an interpreter
7 for the Creek Indians; and

8 WHEREAS, the county seat of Harris County is the city of Hamilton, and the county seat of
9 Meriwether County is the city of Greenville; and

10 WHEREAS, Harris County is the first county in Georgia to adopt a commission form of
11 government; and

12 WHEREAS, Meriwether County is the home of an abundance of mineral springs, including
13 the world-famous Warm Springs where Native Americans brought their wounded warriors;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, both Harris and Meriwether Counties were built upon land originally inhabited
16 by the Creek Indians; and

17 WHEREAS, Harris and Meriwether Counties jointly have an approximate population of
18 54,000 and a land mass of almost of 1,000 square miles; and

19 WHEREAS, Harris and Meriwether Counties have a rich history, an abundance of natural
20 resources, and generations of accomplished citizens, representing authors, congressional
21 representatives, governors, physicians, and musicians; and

22 WHEREAS, Harris and Meriwether Counties have a large number of homes, public
23 buildings and other sites designated as part of the National Register of Historic Places; and

24 WHEREAS, Harris and Meriwether Counties have significant bodies of water within their
25 borders, including the 5,850 acre Lake Harding, and both counties are situated adjacent to
26 major rivers of Chattahoochee and Flint, respectively; and

27 WHEREAS, Harris and Meriwether Counties have benefited directly from the legacy of
28 President Franklin D. Roosevelt, including his love for the region, his second home of The
29 Little White House, the F.D. Roosevelt State Park, and Roosevelt Warm Springs; and

30 WHEREAS, Harris and Meriwether Counties have strong and committed leadership through
31 its respective Boards of Commissioners; and

32 WHEREAS, Harris and Meriwether Counties have active, progressive, and engaged
33 Chambers of Commerce; and

34 WHEREAS, Harris and Meriwether Counties recognize the importance of economic
35 development and take an active role in recruiting and supporting industry and small
36 businesses; and

37 WHEREAS, Harris and Meriwether Counties have a vibrant tourism economy and work
38 diligently to attract visitors to the many cultural, artistic, historic, and recreational tourism
39 sites; and

40 WHEREAS, Harris and Meriwether Counties recognize the value of regional collaboration
41 and have partnered on several important community development projects and activities; and

42 WHEREAS, Harris and Meriwether Counties value economic prosperity, vibrant
43 communities, quality education, and leadership development; and

44 WHEREAS, Harris and Meriwether Counties look with optimism toward the future, while
45 remembering and building upon our rich history.

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
47 commend Harris and Meriwether Counties and recognize January 27, 2016, as Harris and
48 Meriwether County Day at the state capitol.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
50 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Board of
51 Commissioners of Harris and Meriwether Counties.