

Senate Resolution 814

By: Senator Wilkinson of the 50th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Habersham County, Georgia, on the occasion of its "Day at the Capitol 2016";  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, established in 1818, the original story of Habersham County is the story of two  
4 rivers, the Chattahoochee and the Tallulah; and

5 WHEREAS, creating the border with Rabun County, the Tallulah River and its namesake  
6 gorge, one of the largest east of the Mississippi, quickly became popular tourist destinations;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, approximately 1,000 feet deep and two miles long, Tallulah Gorge is known as  
9 the Niagara Falls of the South; and

10 WHEREAS, more than 100 years before the county was established, poet Sidney Lanier  
11 waxed about it in *The Song of the Chattahoochee — Out of the Hills of Habersham, Down*  
12 *the Valleys of Hall*; and

13 WHEREAS, the Chattahoochee River forms the southwest border of the county and even  
14 today is one of the most beautiful sections still visible; and

15 WHEREAS, Habersham County is home to two major rivers, but the Soque River is gaining  
16 in popularity; and

17 WHEREAS, holding the distinction of starting and ending in Habersham County, the Soque  
18 River offers the best fly-fishing east of the Mississippi; and

19 WHEREAS, other outdoor attractions include Lake Russell, Panther Creek Falls, and many  
20 beautiful waterfalls, hiking trails, and rafting opportunities; and

21 WHEREAS, Habersham County is home to seven municipalities; Alto, Baldwin,  
22 Clarkesville, Cornelia, Demorest, Mt. Airy, and Tallulah Falls, with Clarkesville being the  
23 county seat and Cornelia, known for its Big Red Apple, being the industrial hub; and

24 WHEREAS, Habersham County, rich in history and tradition, is home to five historical  
25 museums, and with two historic colleges in Habersham, educational opportunities abound,  
26 going up through a doctoral degree at Piedmont College; and

27 WHEREAS, North Georgia Technical College was the first technical college in the state, and  
28 remains one of two with dormitories; and

29 WHEREAS, farming is the leading industry in Habersham County, and tourism is second;  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, Habersham County offers attractions from outdoor recreation to cultural  
32 activities, including art galleries and an active community theatre; and

33 WHEREAS, Habersham County provides a supportive environment for business and  
34 industry and has a range of existing industries from small businesses to international  
35 companies; and

36 WHEREAS, entrepreneurs are encouraged and assisted in this Entrepreneur Friendly  
37 Designated County; businesses find a skilled and reliable workforce and a five-star  
38 accredited Chamber of Commerce which provides support for both small business and large  
39 industry; and

40 WHEREAS, Habersham County houses an airport with a 5,500-foot runway and available  
41 jet refueling; its Airport Industrial Park offers 100 acres ready for building; and

42 WHEREAS, Habersham County has groomed local and state leaders for over 25 years with  
43 an active Leadership Habersham Program; and

44 WHEREAS, Habersham County has been designated a Camera-Ready Community, and its  
45 filming landscape ranges from lowlands to the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains; and

46 WHEREAS, with many quaint shops and locally owned restaurants, visitors find Habersham  
47 an enchanting and inviting destination.

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
49 commend Habersham County on the occasion of its "Day at the Capitol 2016".

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
51 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the press and the  
52 public.