

Senate Resolution 897

By: Senator Jones of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 4, 2016, as Jackson-Butts County Day at the state capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the center of this state's population, Butts County, located between Atlanta and
4 Macon, was carved from parts of Henry and Monroe counties in 1825 by the state legislature
5 and presented to Governor George Troup as a gift; and

6 WHEREAS, the 187 square-mile county was named for Captain Samuel Butts, a Virginian
7 who was killed in the Battle of Calabee in Alabama during the Creek Indian War of 1811-15;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Butts County is one of several bedroom communities for the metropolitan
10 Atlanta and Macon areas, and according to the 2010 census, the county population is 23,655,
11 which is an increase from the 2000 population of 19,522; and

12 WHEREAS, the county is also home to Fresh Air Barbeque, the oldest pit-cooked barbeque
13 in this state, which was voted best barbeque in the State of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Butts County is the home to several natural landmarks, including Indian Springs
15 State Park, one of the oldest state parks in the United States and a popular spot for outdoor
16 recreation, High Falls State Park, one of Georgia's top fishing spots for hybrid and white
17 bass, and Lake Jackson, a 4,750 acre reservoir originally built in 1910 to generate electricity
18 for Macon; and

19 WHEREAS, the county also boasts a nonprofit environmental education center, Dauset
20 Trails, which provides environmental programs for groups with 1,400 acres of scenic woods,
21 fields, creeks, and lakes for visitors to enjoy; and

22 WHEREAS, Jackson-Butts County has also provided economic prosperity for the State of
23 Georgia, adding 500 jobs to this state's economy and expanding existing industries; and

24 WHEREAS, cities and counties that support great economic growth for this state and have
25 such rich history and traditions are worthy of recognition by this body.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize February 4, 2016, as Jackson-Butts County Day at the state capitol and express
28 their most sincere best wishes for continued growth and success.

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