

House Resolution 1324

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st, England of the 116th, Efstoration of the 104th, and Barr of the 103rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commemorating the centennial anniversary of the town of Braselton; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the town of Braselton was settled when John Oliver Braselton opened a general
3 merchandise store in 1884; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the town was an economic and geographic epicenter in the agrarian society of
5 northeast Georgia and prompted town fathers to seek official and legal incorporation on
6 August 21, 1916, emerging from America's "Progressive Era" with the mercantile store,
7 cotton gin, roller mill, blacksmith shop, and saw mill; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the three sons of Mr. Braselton expanded the original general merchandise store
9 to include a bank, grocery, and dry goods store while maintaining its reputation as a social
10 center of town; and
- 11 WHEREAS, transformational events and factors helped shape the growth and prosperity of
12 the town, including its bisecting four counties; a rail spur and state highways that enhanced
13 commerce; the Braselton Brothers Store evolving with the times; Governor Ernest Vandiver's
14 decision to route Interstate 85 through it; the town's long-term investments and vision for an
15 exceptional municipal infrastructure network, such as the incredible vision and investments
16 of Don Panoz and the myriad of resulting business ventures; and the strength of small
17 businesses and specialty boutiques, all of which forged a strong municipal foundation and
18 which, along with families and traditions, wove a fabric of Americana with advancements
19 and recognitions as more than 12,000 people call Braselton home today; and
- 20 WHEREAS, there have been only five mayors elected in Braselton's 100-year history:
21 William Henry Braselton, Lewis Braselton, Henry Edward Braselton, Pat Graham, and Bill
22 Orr; and

23 WHEREAS, the town's first 100 years are remembered and revered, positioning it for its
24 second century of growth, success, and pride.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body join the town of Braselton in commemorating its centennial
27 anniversary.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 public and the press.