

Senate Resolution 966

By: Senators Ginn of the 47th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Unterman of the 45th and Miller of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the centennial anniversary of the Town of Braselton, Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Town of Braselton, Georgia, was settled when John Oliver Braselton
4 opened a general merchandise store in 1884; and

5 WHEREAS, the town was an economic and geographic epicenter in the agrarian society of
6 northeast Georgia and prompted town fathers to seek official and legal incorporation on
7 August 21, 1916, emerging from America's "Progressive Era" with the mercantile store,
8 cotton gin, roller mill, blacksmith shop, and saw mill; and

9 WHEREAS, the three sons of Mr. Braselton expanded the original general merchandise store
10 to include a bank, grocery and dry goods store, and feed and seed outlet while maintaining
11 its reputation as a social center of town; and

12 WHEREAS, transformational events and factors helped shape the growth and prosperity of
13 the town, including its bisecting four counties; a rail spur and state highways that enhanced
14 commerce; the Braselton Brothers Store evolving with the times; Governor Ernest Vandiver's
15 decision to route Interstate 85 through it; the town's long-term investments and vision for an
16 exceptional municipal infrastructure network, such as the incredible vision and investments
17 of Don Panoz and the myriad of resulting business ventures; and the strength of small
18 businesses and specialty boutiques, all of which forged a strong municipal foundation and
19 which, along with families and traditions, wove a fabric of Americana with advancements
20 and recognitions as more than 12,000 people call Braselton home today; and

21 WHEREAS, there have been only five mayors elected in Braselton's 100-year history:
22 William Henry Braselton, Lewis Braselton, Henry Edward Braselton, Pat Graham, and Bill
23 Orr; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 join the Town of Braselton in commemorating its centennial anniversary.

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