

House Resolution 895

By: Representative Tanner of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 29, 2018, as Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Day at the state capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lumpkin County, Georgia, was once formerly part of the Cherokee Nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Lumpkin County was founded in 1832, by breaking away from Cherokee,
5 Habersham and Hall counties, and was named for Wilson Lumpkin, a former governor of the
6 State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, Lumpkin covers 284 square miles and has a population of more than 30,000;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Lumpkin County has great natural beauty, including dozens of rivers, streams,
10 creeks, and cascading waterfalls, and hundreds of miles of hiking trails; and

11 WHEREAS, Lumpkin County is known as the gateway to the North Georgia mountains, and
12 is home to many outdoor tourist attractions, such as the Chattahoochee National Forest,
13 through which the Appalachian Trail runs; and

14 WHEREAS, Dahlonega, in Lumpkin County, is the closest town to the southern terminus of
15 the Appalachian Trail; and

16 WHEREAS, Lumpkin County and Dahlonega are also home to tourist attractions, including
17 the Dahlonega Gold Museum, the oldest courthouse building still standing in Georgia, which
18 in 2018 will undergo a major renovation; and

19 WHEREAS, the Gold Museum and the Consolidated and Crisson gold mines all
20 experientially tell the story of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County as the site of America's first
21 major gold rush; and

22 WHEREAS, Dahlonega and Lumpkin County's gold mines were the source of the gold,
23 which covers the Capitol dome in Atlanta and Price Memorial Hall on the University of
24 North Georgia's Dahlonega campus; and

25 WHEREAS, 2018 will be the 60th anniversary of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County citizens
26 delivering gold, by wagon train, from Dahlonega for installation on the Georgia Capitol
27 Dome; and

28 WHEREAS, Dahlonega and Lumpkin County is the home to Camp Merrill, one of only three
29 U.S. Army Ranger camps, which was named for Brigadier General Frank D. Merrill, and was
30 founded in 1952; and

31 WHEREAS, the University of North Georgia, a supportive contributor to the Dahlonega and
32 Lumpkin County community, is one of only six senior military colleges in the United States,
33 and is home to the Boar's Head Brigade; and

34 WHEREAS, Lumpkin County and Dahlonega is the Heart of Georgia Wine Country, with
35 six wineries and nine wine tasting rooms; and

36 WHEREAS, Dahlonega has been designated as the Official Wine Tasting Room Capital of
37 Georgia; and

38 WHEREAS, Dahlonega and Lumpkin County now feature a new Zac Brown distillery,
39 producing high quality spirits, and Etowah Meadery, which offers wine made from honey;
40 and

41 WHEREAS, Downtown Dahlonega was the national winner of the Great American Main
42 Street Award in 2016; and

43 WHEREAS, the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber and Visitors Bureau and its
44 community partners, including the Dahlonega Downtown Development Authority, the
45 Lumpkin County Economic Development Department, the City of Dahlonega, Lumpkin
46 County, the University of North Georgia, and Lumpkin County Schools, are working to
47 develop and implement a vision for the future of the community; and

48 WHEREAS, the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Visitors Center welcomes nearly 200,000
49 visitors every year, more than any other Visitors Information Center in the state, except for
50 Savannah; and

51 WHEREAS, the citizens of Lumpkin County are justly proud of their community, its past,
52 and its many contributions to the state, and it is only fitting and proper to recognize this
53 amazing county.

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
55 the members of this body recognize January 29, 2018, as Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Day
56 at the state capitol and express their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
58 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
59 Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber and Visitors Bureau.