

Senate Resolution 610

By: Senator Wilkinson of the 50th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Habersham County and recognizing February 21, 2018, as Habersham County  
2 Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, established in 1818, Habersham County was named for Colonel Joseph  
4 Habersham and was originally an area of 713 square miles; and

5 WHEREAS, 2018 marks the bicentennial celebration paying tribute to the founding of  
6 Habersham County; and

7 WHEREAS, with a present size of 279 square miles and a population approaching 45,000,  
8 Habersham County provides a diverse culture and is home to Tallulah Gorge, the Niagra  
9 Falls of the South; and

10 WHEREAS, Poet Sidney Lanier waxed about the county's southwest border, the  
11 Chattahoochee River, in "The Song of the Chattahoochee," with lyrics such as: "out of the  
12 hills of Habersham, down the valleys of Hall"; and

13 WHEREAS, holding the distinction of starting and ending in Habersham County, the Soque  
14 River offers the best fly fishing east of the Mississippi, and other outdoor attractions in  
15 Habersham include Lake Russell, Panther Creek Falls, and many beautiful waterfalls, hiking  
16 trails, and rafting opportunities; and

17 WHEREAS, Habersham County's Clarkesville was voted by a Rand McNally poll as the  
18 number two Best Small Town for Retirement in the United States, with state-of-the-art  
19 medical facilities and a nationally recognized hospital; and

20 WHEREAS, Habersham County is home to six historical museums and two historic colleges,  
21 Piedmont College, with doctorate degree programs, and North Georgia Technical College,  
22 the first technical college in the state; and

23 WHEREAS, with agriculture as the number one industry in Habersham County and tourism  
24 as number two, Habersham offers attractions from outdoor recreation to cultural activities,  
25 including art galleries and active community theater; and

26 WHEREAS, Habersham County provides a supportive environment for business and  
27 industry, with existing industries ranging from international companies to small businesses;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Habersham County continues to look with optimism toward the future while  
30 keeping the proud memory of its humble beginnings close to heart to share with the  
31 succeeding generation.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 commend Habersham County on its distinguished history and recognize February 21, 2018,  
34 as Habersham County Day at the state capitol.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Habersham  
37 County.