

Senate Resolution 709

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 50th, Miller of the 49th and Tippins of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Woody Gap School and recognizing February 14, 2018, as Woody Gap School Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Woody Gap School, a K-12 school in the Union County School System, is in its 78th consecutive year of operation and is beautifully constructed out of local materials, with labor having been provided by the Works Progress Administration; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the residents of the Suches community have supported the school from its earliest years by providing necessities such as firewood for the wood burning stoves that are used to heat the classrooms; and
- 9 WHEREAS, individuals, civic organizations, and local churches continue to support Woody Gap School, attending to the various needs of the students; and
- 11 WHEREAS, students at Woody Gap School, in return, have chosen to support their local community by delivering food to needy families twice each year and by assisting residents in times of trouble; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Woody Gap School is committed to place and project based education through the Mountain Heritage Program, linking the culture of the Southern Appalachians to vocational solutions for the future; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Woody Gap School provides its high school students with opportunities to explore options beyond high school through work based learning and dual enrollment programs; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Woody Gap School provides a variety of extracurricular activities including cross-country, basketball, tennis, local studies, SkillsUSA, Student Council, the CrossFit

22 Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), the Union County Learning
23 Enrichment Center after-school program, and the "Band of Steel" steel drum band; and

24 WHEREAS, Woody Gap School is the location of the Indian Summer Festival, an event held
25 the first full weekend of every October by the Woody Gap Sports Club to help fund student
26 activities and programs; and

27 WHEREAS, Woody Gap School and the Suches community ensure that every eligible
28 graduate receives scholarship money for postsecondary education; and

29 WHEREAS, Woody Gap School is the heart and soul of the Suches community; offers every
30 student the personal attention that they need; and is a place where school feels like home,
31 teachers and classmates feel like family, and alumni are proud to announce that they are a
32 Falcon; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of
34 Georgia's smallest public school be appropriately recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 commend Woody Gap School and recognize February 14, 2018, as Woody Gap School Day
37 at the state capitol.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Superintendent of
40 Union County Schools, Dr. Fred Rayfield; Chair of the Union County Board of Education,
41 Mrs. Cynthia Odom; Principal of Woody Gap School, Mrs. Carol Roberts Knight; and
42 President of the Woody Gap School Student Council, Mr. Austin Clark.