

Senate Resolution 641

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 13, 2020, as Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Day at the state capitol; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lumpkin County, Georgia, was once 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  
6 the 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, as well as 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 home to many tourist attractions, including  
17 the Dahlonega Gold Museum, the oldest courthouse building still standing in Georgia, which  
18 underwent a major renovation in 2018; 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, the Gold Museum and the Consolidated and Crisson gold mines all  
23 experientially tell the story of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County as the site of America's first  
24 major gold rush; and

25 WHEREAS, Dahlonega and Lumpkin County's gold mines were the source of the gold that  
26 covers both the Capitol dome in Atlanta and Price Memorial Hall on the University of North  
27 Georgia's Dahlonega campus; and

28 WHEREAS, 2020 will be the 62nd anniversary of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County citizens  
29 delivering gold, by wagon train, from Dahlonega for installation on the Georgia Capitol  
30 Dome; and

31 WHEREAS, Dahlonega in Lumpkin County is home to Camp Merrill, one of only three  
32 United States Army Ranger camps, which was named for Brigadier General Frank D. Merrill  
33 and was founded in 1952; and

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

37 WHEREAS, Lumpkin County and Dahlonega are the Heart of Georgia Wine Country, with  
38 six wineries and nine wine tasting rooms; and

39 WHEREAS, Dahlonega has been designated as the Dahlonega Plateau American Viticulture  
40 Area; 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
55 recognize February 13, 2020, as Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Day at the state capitol and  
56 express their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

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