

Senate Resolution 747

By: Senator Wilkinson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Habersham County and recognizing February 19, 2020, as Habersham County
2 Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

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

5 WHEREAS, presently 279 square miles with a population of 45,000, Habersham County
6 provides a diverse culture and is home to Tallulah Gorge, the Niagra Falls of the South, and
7 is located on the recently designated GORGEous Mountain Parkway; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Habersham County boasts vibrant community centers, a robust business mix,
16 state-of-the-art medical facilities, a nationally recognized hospital, and local events that
17 attract residents and tourists alike; and

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

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

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

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Habersham County and recognize February 19, 2020, as Habersham County Day
32 at the state capitol.

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