

## House Resolution 1340

By: Representatives Schofield of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Stovall of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>, and Douglas of the 78<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 25, 2020, as Forest Park Day at the state capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, originally incorporated in 1901 under the name of Forest Station-Astor, the city  
4 of Forest Park was later re-incorporated in 1908 as one square mile in the northern part of  
5 Clayton County and its early settlers were primarily farming families; and

6 WHEREAS, an influx of railroad employees further established the town as an important  
7 railroad point, at which time the area was developed as a "wood-and-water stop" known as  
8 Stump Town due to the stumps left behind as trees were cut to provide fuel for the passenger  
9 and freight trains going in and out of Atlanta; and

10 WHEREAS, since its founding, the identity of this area has changed dramatically and the city  
11 of Forest Park is currently the largest and most diverse municipality in Clayton County,  
12 Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2014, the citizens of Forest Park elected its first-ever Haitian councilmember,  
14 Dabouze Antione; and in 2017, the city's first-ever African American mayor, Angelyne  
15 Butler, MPA, was elected; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2017, the citizens of Forest Park elected its first-ever Hispanic  
17 councilmember, Hector Gutierrez, and re-elected its longest serving councilmember, Latresa  
18 Akins-Wells; in yet another first, in 2019, Nathaniel Clark was appointed the city's first-ever  
19 African American chief of police; and

20 WHEREAS, the city of Forest Park is located just five miles east of Hartsfield-Jackson  
21 International Airport; and

22 WHEREAS, the city of Forest Park also includes the former Fort Gillem Military  
23 Reservation which encompasses 1,465 acres and is located in the northern section of the city;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, following the closure of the majority of Fort Gillem by the United States Army,  
26 the city of Forest Park has successfully overseen the transition of Fort Gillem to the Gillem  
27 Logistics Center; and

28 WHEREAS, since transitioning to the Gillem Logistics Center, in conjunction with  
29 development partners, Robinson Weeks, the city of Forest Park has generated over 1,700 new  
30 jobs working with such companies as Kroger, Ocado, Keuhne & Nagel, Cummins, HD  
31 Supply, and its homegrown company, Technique Construction; and

32 WHEREAS, the city of Forest Park is also the home of the Atlanta State Farmers Market,  
33 comprising of 150 acres, and considered one of the largest outdoor markets of its kind in the  
34 United States; and

35 WHEREAS, Forest Park has a proud history of athletic achievement in Little League  
36 Baseball and has produced such notable athletes as NFL-great Hines Ward and professional  
37 golfer Cindy Schreyer; and

38 WHEREAS, since its founding, the city of Forest Park has truly lived up to the words  
39 enshrined in its seal: Progress, Bounty, Recreation and Felicity; and

40 WHEREAS, it is a new day in the great city of Forest Park and Forest Park is operating in  
41 its promise.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
43 the members of this body recognize February 25, 2020, as Forest Park Day at the state  
44 capitol.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
46 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
47 public and the press.