

## House Resolution 1380

By: Representatives Franklin of the 160<sup>th</sup>, Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>, and Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 18, 2026, as Statesboro-Bulloch County Day at the capitol; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Statesboro-Bulloch County Day is presented by the Bulloch Engagement and  
4 Community Opportunities Network (BEACON), a collaborative platform designed to inform  
5 and empower the citizens of Bulloch County; and

6 WHEREAS, Statesboro-Bulloch County Day provides an opportunity to celebrate Bulloch  
7 County; the City of Statesboro; and the municipalities of Brooklet, Portal, and Register; as  
8 well as the additional communities of Adabelle, Denmark, Hopeulikit, Ivanhoe, Nevils, and  
9 Leefield; and

10 WHEREAS, Bulloch County was formed in 1796 as the 21st county in Georgia, named for  
11 Archibald Bulloch, the President and Commander in Chief of Georgia in 1776; and

12 WHEREAS, the City of Statesboro was incorporated in 1803 and serves as the Bulloch  
13 County Seat; and

14 WHEREAS, Statesboro-Bulloch County is home to Georgia Southern University and Eagle  
15 Nation, a nationally recognized public research institution and a proud, passionate  
16 community of students, alumni, and supporters whose commitment to academic excellence,  
17 workforce development, and community engagement benefits the entire state; and

18 WHEREAS, Georgia Southern University is the alma mater of the Honorable Jon Burns,  
19 Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, and his wife Mrs. Dayle Burns, the First  
20 Lady of the House, whose leadership and dedication to public service reflect the university's  
21 longstanding tradition of producing leaders who serve Georgia with distinction; and

22 WHEREAS, Ogeechee Technical College, with renowned programs in health care, business,  
23 manufacturing, and other professions, has worked along with Bulloch County Schools to  
24 provide training for its students' success; and

25 WHEREAS, the Economic Development partners in Statesboro-Bulloch County have  
26 worked together to recruit jobs and investment, support business and commercial growth,  
27 enhance and grow Statesboro's downtown, and successfully market the community as a  
28 tourism hub in Southeast Georgia; and

29 WHEREAS, Bulloch County continues to be among the most successful agricultural counties  
30 in the state, with a long history of farming and agribusiness; and

31 WHEREAS, BEACON and its respective member organizations are committed to working  
32 together for the long-term success of Statesboro-Bulloch County, continuing its healthy  
33 growth.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body recognize February 18, 2026, as Statesboro-Bulloch County Day  
36 at the capitol and extend their commendation to the Bulloch Engagement and Community  
37 Opportunities Network and the Statesboro-Bulloch County community for the contributions  
38 they make to the State of Georgia.

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