

## Senate Resolution 794

By: Senators James of the 28th, Rhett of the 33rd, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 17th, Orrock of the 36th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 24, 2026, as Douglas County Day at the state capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Douglas County, Georgia, the state's 133rd county, was created on October 17,  
4 1870, and named in honor of Stephen A. Douglas, the Illinois statesman who ran against  
5 Abraham Lincoln in the 1860 presidential election; and

6 WHEREAS, carved out of Campbell and Carroll counties, Douglas County encompasses 199  
7 square miles and has grown into one of the 50 fastest-growing counties in the United States  
8 due to its proximity to Atlanta and access to the famous Interstate 20 corridor; and

9 WHEREAS, Douglasville, the county seat, was officially established on February 25, 1875,  
10 and was originally known as "Skinned" or "Skint" Chestnut in reference to a prominent  
11 chestnut tree used as a Native American marker; and

12 WHEREAS, Douglas County has a rich indigenous history, once inhabited by the Creek and  
13 Cherokee peoples, with numerous Mississippian burial mounds and Native American  
14 artifacts found throughout the area; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1881, the Georgia Western Railroad, later acquired by the Pacific Railway  
16 Company, began construction of a rail line that would connect Atlanta to Birmingham,  
17 Alabama, establishing Douglas County as a key transportation hub; and

18 WHEREAS, Douglas County is home to Sweetwater Creek State Park, a beloved natural  
19 resource offering fishing, boating, and hiking, as well as the historic ruins of the New  
20 Manchester Manufacturing Company, which was destroyed by Union troops during  
21 Sherman's March to the Sea in 1864; and

22 WHEREAS, the county prioritizes education, hosting a satellite campus of West Georgia  
23 Technical College and a branch of Mercer University, providing residents with valuable  
24 higher education opportunities; and

25 WHEREAS, Douglas County fosters a strong sense of community through annual events  
26 such as A Taste of Douglasville, the Hunter Harvest Arts and Crafts Festival, Pioneer Days,  
27 the Kris Kringle Market and Tour of Homes, and New Manchester Days; and

28 WHEREAS, the citizens of Douglas County take great pride in their community's rich  
29 history, continued growth, and contributions to the State of Georgia, making it abundantly  
30 fitting and proper that it be appropriately honored during this special time.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize February 24, 2026, as Douglas County Day at the state capitol.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
35 press.