

## House Resolution 622

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Tran of the 80<sup>th</sup>, Evans of the 89<sup>th</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing March 23, 2023, as DeKalb Day; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, founded on December 9, 1822, as Georgia's 56th county, DeKalb County will  
3 celebrate its bicentennial this year; and
- 4 WHEREAS, named after Baron Johann de Kalb, who aided the colonists in their fight for  
5 independence, DeKalb County consists of 269 square miles of land and is situated on a  
6 natural ridge that runs between Atlanta and Athens known as the Continental Divide; and
- 7 WHEREAS, DeKalb County is home to distinguished educational institutions Emory, Agnes  
8 Scott, Oglethorpe, and DeKalb Tech as well as the second busiest airport in the state; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the City of Decatur was incorporated as the county seat on December 10, 1823,  
10 and named after Stephen Decatur, a naval war hero from the War of 1812; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the county's early chief industries were granite quarrying, farming, dairy  
12 farming, cotton mills, and grain mills, and the county was once one of the largest milk  
13 producers in the southeast; and

14 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable county be appropriately  
15 recognized during this special time.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
17 the members of this body recognize March 23, 2023, as DeKalb Day in honor of DeKalb  
18 County's bicentennial.

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