

Senate Resolution 85

By: Senators Sims of the 12th and Summers of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Americus-Sumter County and recognizing February 19, 2025, as
2 Americus-Sumter County Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sumter County was established by an act of the Georgia General Assembly on
4 December 26, 1831, becoming Georgia's 80th county; and

5 WHEREAS, the City of Americus was established as the seat of Sumter County by an act
6 of the Georgia General Assembly on December 22, 1832; and

7 WHEREAS, the City of Americus is named for the Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci, just
8 as the United States of America is; and

9 WHEREAS, Americus-Sumter County was home to Souther Field, a United States Army
10 aviation training base that served American aviators in World War I as well as American and
11 British Aviators in World War II; and

12 WHEREAS, the famed pilot Charles Linberg bought his first airplane and made his first solo
13 flight in Americus-Sumter County; and

14 WHEREAS, the internationally recognized housing program Habitat for Humanity
15 International was founded and still maintains its headquarters in the City of Americus; and

16 WHEREAS, Americus-Sumter County is home to South Georgia Technical College and
17 Georgia Southwestern State University, both of which contribute to Georgia's workforce in
18 significant ways; and

19 WHEREAS, Americus-Sumter County is a leading producer of Georgia's cotton, peanuts,
20 and vegetables as well as a significant producer of livestock; and

21 WHEREAS, the Sumter County City of Plains is home to the 39th President of the United
22 States, the late Jimmy Carter, and to the late First Lady Rosalynn Carter, who together
23 brought international attention to Sumter County, Georgia.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend Americus-Sumter County for its many contributions to the State of Georgia and
26 recognize February 19, 2025, as Americus-Sumter County Day at the state capitol.

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