

House Resolution 316

By: Representatives Hitchens of the 161st and Burns of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 10, 2025, as Effingham County Day at the capitol and saluting the
2 Effingham County Chamber of Commerce; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Effingham County borders on the Savannah River; includes three incorporated
4 municipalities: Rincon, Springfield, and Guyton; has several smaller communities, including
5 Meldrim, Faulkville, Pineora, Stillwell, Egypt, Clyo, Ebenezer, and Shawnee; and is widely
6 recognized for its outstanding quality of life; and

7 WHEREAS, with a shared vision for growth and prosperity, Effingham County has greatly
8 increased collaboration among its municipalities, the County Commission, and key
9 community stakeholders in order to position itself as the future of the Coastal Empire; and

10 WHEREAS, Effingham County has further partnered with local schools, Savannah Technical
11 College, and other educational institutions to enhance workforce development and provide
12 students with opportunities to engage with growing industries; and

13 WHEREAS, entities such as the Effingham County Health System ensure that access to high
14 quality health care remains a cornerstone of the community, and the county's investments in
15 vital infrastructure serve to bolster its growth and resilience; and

16 WHEREAS, founded in 1986 to support existing businesses and attract new industry, the
17 Effingham County Chamber of Commerce has long worked to ensure the county's economic
18 strength and well-being through its mission of operating as a member-driven organization
19 "focused on business advocacy and sustainable economic growth" in the region; and

20 WHEREAS, for a number of years, the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, in
21 collaboration the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority, has sponsored
22 Effingham Day at the Georgia State Capitol, providing a platform for engagement with state
23 leaders and legislators; and

24 WHEREAS, through their tireless efforts and steadfast commitment, Speaker Jon Burns,
25 Senator Billy Hickman, and Representative Bill Hitchens have played a vital role in
26 advancing Effingham County's legislative priorities, ensuring its continued economic and
27 infrastructural development; and

28 WHEREAS, Effingham County Day will once again be observed on February 10, 2025,
29 continuing its tradition of strengthening ties between county leadership and the State of
30 Georgia under the leadership of its CEO, Susan Kraut, and Chair, Kim Iler.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize February 10, 2025, as Effingham County Day at the
33 capitol and extend to the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce their commendation for
34 the chamber's many important contributions to the Effingham County community and the
35 State of Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized

37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Susan
38 Kraut, CEO of the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce.