

## Senate Resolution 250

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 41st, Parent of the 44th, Harrell of the 40th, Anderson of the 43rd and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing February 26, 2025, as DeKalb Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, established on December 9, 1822, as Georgia's 56th county, DeKalb County has  
3 a legacy of progress, economic development, and civic leadership, making it a cornerstone  
4 of Georgia's cultural and economic landscape; and
- 5 WHEREAS, covering 269 square miles, DeKalb County is strategically positioned between  
6 Atlanta and Athens, serving as a key corridor for commerce, education, and innovation along  
7 Georgia's Continental Divide; and
- 8 WHEREAS, DeKalb County is home to world-class educational institutions, including  
9 Emory University, Agnes Scott College, Oglethorpe University, and Georgia Piedmont  
10 Technical College, reinforcing its status as a leader in higher education and workforce  
11 development; and
- 12 WHEREAS, DeKalb County serves as a global hub for healthcare and scientific research,  
13 housing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Emory Healthcare, and Children's  
14 Healthcare of Atlanta, while also contributing to Grady Hospital's mission of accessible and  
15 high-quality healthcare; and

16 WHEREAS, DeKalb County is one of Georgia's most diverse communities, representing  
17 over 100 nationalities and more than 140 spoken languages, which enriches the county's  
18 cultural, economic, and social fabric; and

19 WHEREAS, DeKalb County is an economic powerhouse, leading in technology, film and  
20 entertainment, logistics, and advanced manufacturing while also being home to Georgia's  
21 second-busiest airport, DeKalb-Peachtree Airport; and

22 WHEREAS, under the historic leadership of CEO Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, the first  
23 African American woman elected as Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, the county  
24 continues to set the standard for strong governance and economic prosperity.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 recognize February 26, 2025, as DeKalb Day at the state capitol, celebrating the county's rich  
27 history, residents, dynamic diversity, and ongoing commitment to innovation, economic  
28 development, and excellence in governance.

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