

Senate Resolution 274

By: Senator James of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing March 25, 2025, as Austell Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Austell, Georgia, located in Cobb County and extending partially into Douglas
3 County, was incorporated in 1885 and named after General Alfred Austell in recognition of
4 his efforts to bring major railways to the South; and
- 5 WHEREAS, General Austell was a prominent businessman who founded the Atlanta
6 National Bank, which later evolved through mergers to become part of Wells Fargo, and his
7 legacy is honored by his elaborate mausoleum at Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the Georgia Pacific Railway selected Austell as a station depot, positioning it
9 as a crucial dividing point for major railway lines and shaping its development as an
10 important transportation hub; and
- 11 WHEREAS, today, Austell remains a key player in logistics and freight transportation due
12 to its location along the CSX transportation corridor, facilitating commerce and economic
13 growth; and

14 WHEREAS, Austell is home to Six Flags Over Georgia, one of the most popular theme parks
15 in the Southeast, attracting visitors from across Georgia and beyond and contributing
16 significantly to tourism and the local economy; and

17 WHEREAS, the Cobb County School District serves Austell, providing quality education
18 to students and fostering a strong, close-knit community with access to higher education
19 institutions such as Kennesaw State University in nearby areas; and

20 WHEREAS, the citizens of Austell take great pride in their city's history, economic
21 contributions, and vibrant community, making it abundantly fitting and proper that it be
22 appropriately honored during this special time.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize March 25, 2025, as Austell Day at the state capitol.

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