

House Resolution 422

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Davis of the 87th, Tran of the 80th, Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Draper of the 90th, 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize February 26, 2025, as DeKalb Day at the state capitol,
27 celebrating the county's rich history, residents, dynamic diversity, and ongoing commitment
28 to innovation, economic development, and excellence in governance.

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