

House Resolution 414

By: Representatives Beckles of the 96th, McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Mitchell of the 88th, Romman of the 97th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Duluth Fall Festival; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Duluth Fall Festival has been a cherished annual tradition since its founding
3 in 1983, fostering community spirit, volunteerism, and civic engagement; and
- 4 WHEREAS, over the past 41 years, the festival has made a lasting impact on the City of
5 Duluth by raising and donating more than two million dollars to support local projects,
6 nonprofits, and community initiatives; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the festival's contributions include the construction of the Duluth Festival
8 Center, a 1.3 million-dollar event venue that was gifted back to the city, as well as numerous
9 enhancements and donations benefiting local organizations and schools, representing more
10 than \$250,000 in cumulative contributions; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the Duluth Fall Festival has earned national recognition for its excellence,
12 including being named the fifth-greatest festival in the nation by *Country Living* magazine,
13 ranking among the top 26 festivals in the country according to *U.S. News & World Report*
14 in 2015, and receiving the Southeast Festivals and Events Association's award for Best Large
15 Festival in the Southeastern United States in 2016; and

16 WHEREAS, as additional testament to the festival's exemplary operation, *Best of Gwinnett*
17 magazine has recognized the event as the best local festival in Gwinnett County every year
18 since 2009; and

19 WHEREAS, entirely volunteer-driven, the festival relies on more than 300 dedicated
20 volunteers who contribute their time and efforts to ensure its continued success; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the Duluth Fall Festival be recognized
22 for its enduring contributions to the City of Duluth and its commitment to community
23 enrichment.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend the Duluth Fall Festival for its outstanding contributions
26 to the community and its role in strengthening civic pride, economic development, and local
27 engagement as well as extend best wishes for continued success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 Duluth Fall Festival.