

## Senate Resolution 780

By: Senators Hickman of the 4th, Tillery of the 19th, Watson of the 11th and Bearden of the 30th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 18, 2026, as Statesboro-Bulloch County Day at the capitol; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Statesboro-Bulloch County Day is presented by the Bulloch Engagement and  
4 Community Opportunities Network (BEACON), a collaborative platform designed to inform  
5 and empower the citizens of Bulloch County; and

6 WHEREAS, Statesboro-Bulloch County Day provides an opportunity to celebrate Bulloch  
7 County; the City of Statesboro; and the municipalities of Brooklet, Portal, and Register; as  
8 well as the additional communities of Adabelle, Denmark, Hopeulikit, Ivanhoe, Nevils, and  
9 Leefield; and

10 WHEREAS, Bulloch County was formed in 1796 as the 21st county in Georgia, named for  
11 Archibald Bulloch, the President and Commander in Chief of Georgia in 1776; and

12 WHEREAS, the City of Statesboro was incorporated in 1803 and serves as the Bulloch  
13 County Seat; and

14 WHEREAS, Statesboro-Bulloch County is home to Georgia Southern University and Eagle  
15 Nation, a nationally recognized public research institution and a proud, passionate  
16 community of students, alumni, and supporters whose commitment to academic excellence,  
17 workforce development, and community engagement benefits the entire state; and

18 WHEREAS, Georgia Southern University is the alma mater of the late Jack Hill, longtime  
19 Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, whose distinguished career and steadfast  
20 commitment to fiscal stewardship and public service left a lasting legacy on the State of  
21 Georgia, and whose wife, Ruth Ann Nail Hill, was also a proud three-time alumna of Georgia  
22 Southern University and lifelong educator; and

23 WHEREAS, Ogeechee Technical College, with renowned programs in healthcare, business,  
24 manufacturing, and other professions, has worked along with Bulloch County Schools to  
25 provide training for its students' success; and

26 WHEREAS, the Economic Development partners in Statesboro-Bulloch County have  
27 worked together to recruit jobs and investment, support business and commercial growth,  
28 enhance and grow Statesboro's downtown, and successfully market the community as a  
29 tourism hub in Southeast Georgia; and

30 WHEREAS, Bulloch County continues to be among the most successful agricultural counties  
31 in the state, with a long history of farming and agribusiness; and

32 WHEREAS, BEACON and its respective member organizations are committed to working  
33 together for the long-term success of Statesboro-Bulloch County, continuing its healthy  
34 growth.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
36 recognize February 18, 2026, as Statesboro-Bulloch County Day at the capitol and extend  
37 their commendation to the Bulloch Engagement and Community Opportunities Network and  
38 the Statesboro-Bulloch County community for the contributions they make to the State of  
39 Georgia.

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