

House Resolution 1697

By: Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, Park of the 107th, Romman of the 97th, Adeyina of the 110th, McClain of the 109th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Celebrating the 205th anniversary of the City of Lawrenceville; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the City of Lawrenceville was incorporated on December 15, 1821, just three
3 years after the creation of Gwinnett County, and it has proudly served as the county seat for
4 more than two centuries; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Lawrenceville is the oldest city in Gwinnett County and among the oldest cities
6 in the metropolitan Atlanta region, holding a distinguished place in Georgia's history; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the city was named in honor of Captain James Lawrence, a naval hero of the
8 War of 1812, whose final command, "don't give up the ship," has become a lasting symbol
9 of courage and perseverance; and
- 10 WHEREAS, from its earliest days centered around the public square and courthouse,
11 Lawrenceville has grown from a small agricultural community into a vibrant and diverse city
12 that balances historic preservation with thoughtful growth; and

13 WHEREAS, as the county seat of Gwinnett County, Lawrenceville serves as a center of
14 government, commerce, education, and culture, and the city is home to landmarks such as
15 the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse and a thriving downtown district; and

16 WHEREAS, Lawrenceville reflects the rich diversity of Gwinnett County and the State of
17 Georgia and is strengthened by a spirit of inclusion, opportunity, and community that
18 welcomes all who visit and call it home; and

19 WHEREAS, today the City of Lawrenceville continues to invest in public safety,
20 infrastructure, utilities, arts and culture, and community engagement, ensuring a high quality
21 of life for residents, businesses, and visitors alike; and

22 WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 205th anniversary of the city's incorporation, a
23 milestone that reflects generations of leadership, service, and community pride.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body celebrate the 205th anniversary of the City of Lawrenceville and
26 commend its citizens, leaders, and staff for their continued contributions to the State of
27 Georgia.

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