

House Resolution 2038

By: Representatives Santos of the 117th, Kahaian of the 81st, Douglas of the 78th, and Holly of the 116th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 12, 2026, as Locust Grove Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, established on December 20, 1893, the City of Locust Grove, Georgia,
4 developed as a center of commerce along a busy rail line, supporting an agricultural
5 community through farm-to-market transportation and essential services such as a cotton gin,
6 hardware store, grocery stores, and a community bank; and

7 WHEREAS, in the early years of its growth, the city expanded with the establishment of the
8 Locust Grove Institute, a private college founded by and adjacent to Providence Indian Creek
9 Baptist Church, which contributed to the development of housing and infrastructure to
10 support students, educators, and staff; and

11 WHEREAS, by the early 1970s, the city entered a new period of expansion as a developing
12 exurb of Atlanta, with growth fueled by its proximity to Interstate 75, the addition of the
13 Skyland Lake Subdivision, and the creation of new hospitality and service businesses; and

14 WHEREAS, since 2000, Locust Grove has experienced substantial growth in both population
15 and land area, expanding to more than 15 square miles with over 11,749 residents and

16 establishing itself as a growing center for logistics and manufacturing within the metropolitan
17 region; and

18 WHEREAS, the city's growing economic strength is demonstrated by a tax digest exceeding
19 \$1 billion along with ongoing efforts to revitalize the historic downtown through expanded
20 dining, entertainment, and residential opportunities; and

21 WHEREAS, the City of Locust Grove is led by Mayor Carlos Greer, elected in November
22 2018 as the city's first Black mayor, alongside a dedicated council and nearly 100 employees
23 who provide essential services in public safety, community development, utilities,
24 administration, and downtown development; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the City of Locust Grove be
26 appropriately honored for its rich history, sustained growth, and ongoing contributions to the
27 vitality of the State of Georgia.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize March 12, 2026, as Locust Grove Day at the state
30 capitol.

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