

House Resolution 2075

By: Representatives Tran of the 80th, Miller of the 62nd, Willis of the 55th, Olaleye of the 59th,
and Evans of the 57th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 90th annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Dogwood Festival is one of the oldest and most beloved traditions
4 in the City of Atlanta, held annually in Piedmont Park and serving as a signature celebration
5 of springtime in Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Dogwood Festival was first established in 1936 under the leadership
7 of Walter Rich, founder of Rich's Department Store, as an effort to promote the City of
8 Atlanta and highlight the natural beauty of its blooming dogwood trees; and

9 WHEREAS, the festival was created during the era of the Great Depression with the purpose
10 of lifting community spirits, encouraging civic pride, and drawing national and international
11 attention to Atlanta as a vibrant and growing city; and

12 WHEREAS, early organizers, including local garden clubs and civic leaders, undertook a
13 citywide beautification effort by planting dogwood trees throughout Atlanta, reinforcing the
14 festival's mission to celebrate nature and enhance the city's landscape; and

15 WHEREAS, over the past nine decades, the Atlanta Dogwood Festival has evolved into a
16 premier fine arts festival, featuring a nationally recognized juried artist market, live music,
17 cultural performances, and family-friendly activities that attract hundreds of thousands of
18 attendees each year; and

19 WHEREAS, the festival remains a cornerstone of Atlanta's cultural identity, fostering
20 appreciation for the arts, supporting local and national artists, and strengthening community
21 bonds while celebrating the natural beauty of Georgia's native dogwood trees; and

22 WHEREAS, the 90th Annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival represents a remarkable milestone,
23 reflecting the enduring resilience, community support, and cultural significance of an event
24 that has continued for generations and remains one of the premier arts festivals in the United
25 States; and

26 WHEREAS, the continued success of the Atlanta Dogwood Festival is a testament to the
27 dedication of its organizers, volunteers, sponsors, artists, and supporters who have preserved
28 and advanced this treasured tradition for nearly a century.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend the 90th annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival
31 for its historic legacy, cultural contributions, and enduring impact on the State of Georgia.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 organizers of the Atlanta Dogwood Festival.