

## House Resolution 18EX

By: Representatives Beckles of the 96<sup>th</sup>, Clark of the 108<sup>th</sup>, McClain of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Park of the 107<sup>th</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the City of Duluth upon the occasion of its 150th Anniversary; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the City of Duluth was founded in 1876 and has proudly served as a cornerstone  
4 of Gwinnett County for 150 years, growing from a small railroad community into one of  
5 Georgia's most vibrant and thriving municipalities; and

6 WHEREAS, throughout its rich history, Duluth has demonstrated a steadfast commitment  
7 to progress, innovation, and community engagement while preserving the values and  
8 traditions that have shaped its unique identity; and

9 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Mayor Greg Whitlock and the members of the Duluth  
10 City Council—Marline Thomas, Lamar Doss, Manfred Graeder, Shenee Johnson-Cummings,  
11 and Sarah Park—the City of Duluth has continued to advance a vision of responsible growth,  
12 responsive government, and strong community engagement while fostering opportunities for  
13 residents, businesses, and visitors alike; and

14 WHEREAS, the City of Duluth has emerged as a major economic engine within Gwinnett  
15 County and the State of Georgia, attracting businesses, supporting entrepreneurship,

16 promoting tourism and entertainment, and creating economic opportunities that contribute  
17 significantly to the prosperity of the region; and

18 WHEREAS, Duluth's rich multicultural heritage and diverse population reflect the strength  
19 of Georgia's communities, bringing together people of different backgrounds, cultures, and  
20 experiences to build a vibrant, inclusive, and welcoming city that enriches the social and  
21 economic fabric of Gwinnett County; and

22 WHEREAS, generations of residents, business owners, civic leaders, educators, public  
23 servants, and volunteers have contributed to the growth and success of the City of Duluth,  
24 creating a community known for its diversity, resilience, and welcoming spirit; and

25 WHEREAS, Duluth has become a destination for families, entrepreneurs, artists, and visitors  
26 alike through its vibrant downtown district, thriving business community, outstanding parks  
27 and recreational facilities, cultural events, and commitment to quality of life; and

28 WHEREAS, the city continues to play a significant role in the economic, cultural, and civic  
29 vitality of Gwinnett County and the State of Georgia; and

30 WHEREAS, on September 12, 2026, residents and visitors will gather to celebrate "The Big  
31 150: Off the Rails," commemorating a century and a half of achievement, growth, and  
32 community pride while honoring the city's past and embracing its future; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and  
34 enduring contributions of the City of Duluth be appropriately honored.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body commend the City of Duluth upon the grand occasion of its 150th  
37 Anniversary and extend their sincerest congratulations to its residents, elected officials,  
38 businesses, and community partners for their many contributions to the prosperity and  
39 well-being of the State of Georgia.

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