

House Resolution 11EX

By: Representatives Lewis-Ward of the 115<sup>th</sup> and Holly of the 116<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the City of McDonough, Georgia, upon its bicentennial; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the City of McDonough, Georgia, celebrates its bicentennial in the year 2023,  
4 and it is fitting to recognize McDonough on this special milestone and to applaud its  
5 distinguished history; and

6 WHEREAS, the City of McDonough incorporated on December 17, 1823, as Henry County's  
7 seat in honor of Thomas Macdonough, a naval captain who defeated the British fleet on Lake  
8 Champlain during the War of 1812 (1812-15); and

9 WHEREAS, in the early years, businesses were centered on an agrarian economy:  
10 blacksmith shops, buggy works, sawmills, brick makers, masons, mills for grinding corn and  
11 wheat, and by 1835, there were at least two cotton gins, Harkness on Griffin Street and  
12 McGarity's and Welch on Key's Ferry Street. The town blacksmith played a significant role,  
13 making many necessary farm tools and useful articles for the homes. McDonough was also  
14 a stop for the stagecoach line from New York to New Orleans; and

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15 WHEREAS, the City of McDonough grew from primarily a farming community to a  
16 culturally distinctive destination with a rich history. McDonough is home to fascinating  
17 sights, including the 200-acre Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic  
18 Places in 2007. It is centered on Griffin St. and Keys Ferry St. and has buildings dating back  
19 to 1823; and

20 WHEREAS, the City of McDonough today comprises more than 32,000 residents and  
21 provides many facilities such as parks, retail shops, hotels, libraries, and museums. The  
22 residents also host the Geranium Festival every year in May; and

23 WHEREAS, the City of McDonough proudly marks its 200th anniversary with a series of  
24 celebrations throughout its bicentennial year; and

25 WHEREAS, in recognition of the City of McDonough's rich history and enduring  
26 contributions, it is indeed an honor to pay tribute upon the occasion of its bicentennial.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body congratulate the City of McDonough, Georgia, upon the grand  
29 occasion of its bicentennial and extend best wishes to its citizens for future health, happiness,  
30 and success.

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.