

House Resolution 1305

By: Representative Erwin of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the great achievements of Leadership Toccoa-Stephens County Inc. and
2 recognizing February 27, 2020, as Toccoa-Stephens County Day at the state capitol; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the City of Toccoa was established in 1874, and Stephens County was created
5 in 1905; and

6 WHEREAS, the City of Toccoa and Stephens County have been recognized for numerous
7 awards and accolades over the years, including the Live, Work, Play Award from Georgia
8 Trend and the Georgia Municipal Association and the Impact Award from the National
9 Association of Development Organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, the Toccoa-Stephens County Chamber of Commerce was designated with a 4
11 Star accreditation by the United States Chamber of Commerce and is committed to serving
12 as an advocate for local businesses, a community partner, and an economic growth generator;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Toccoa-Stephens community has been awarded camera-ready distinction,
15 with seven films produced thus far; and

16 WHEREAS, the mission of the Toccoa-Stephens County Development Authority is to
17 encourage and support the expansion and development of industrial and commercial facilities
18 in Stephens County in order to promote employment, having been recognized by the Georgia
19 Economic Developers Association 2015 Deal of the Year; and

20 WHEREAS, Stephens County School System has invested in their cutting edge work based
21 learning program and state-of-the-art CTAE facility to provide students the education and
22 skill set to best equip them for their future; and

23 WHEREAS, Stephens County Hospital and their physicians group, the Northeast Georgia
24 Physicians Group, local cancer treatment and dialysis centers are dedicated to compassion
25 and excellence in health care; and

26 WHEREAS, the area is rich with agriculture and natural beauty including Toccoa Falls, Lake
27 Hartwell, Currahee Mountain, and Broad River. Toccoa-Stephens County is rooted in history
28 and home to attractions such as the Currahee Military Museum, dedicated to preserving the
29 heritage of WWII, and a historic downtown, rich in the arts with the Toccoa Symphony,
30 Currahee Artist Guild, and the Historic Ritz Theatre. The City of Toccoa was awarded the
31 Georgia Exceptional Main Street for its arts, events, and sense of community; and

32 WHEREAS, incredible leaders call Toccoa-Stephens County home, including Chairman of
33 the Stephens County Commission, Dennis Bell; Mayor of Toccoa, Terry Carter; School
34 Superintendent, Daniel Oldham; Stephens County Hospital CEO, Michael Hester; Executive
35 Director of the Stephens County Development Authority, Tim Martin; President of the
36 Toccoa-Stephens County Chamber of Commerce, Julie Paysen; and Georgia Senator, John
37 Wilkinson; and

38 WHEREAS, Toccoa-Stephens County supports economic growth for this state and has an
39 incredible history and rich traditions.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body commend the great achievements of Leadership Toccoa-Stephens
42 County Inc. and recognize February 27, 2020, as Toccoa-Stephens County Day at the state
43 capitol.

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