

## House Resolution 211

By: Representative Gasaway of the 28<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 19, 2013, as Toccoa-Stephens County Day at the state capitol; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the City of Toccoa was established in 1874, and legend says it was named by  
4 the Cherokee tribe who called the area "Toccocah," which means "beautiful"; and

5 WHEREAS, Stephens County was created in 1905 and named for Alexander Stephens, who  
6 served as a United States Representative from 1843 to 1859 and Governor of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, the City of Toccoa and Stephens County have been recognized for numerous  
8 awards and accolades over the years, including a Signature Community city and an  
9 Entrepreneur Friendly county; and

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

13 WHEREAS, the mission of the Toccoa-Stephens County Development Authority is to  
14 encourage and support the expansion and development of industrial and commercial facilities  
15 in Stephens County in order to promote employment; and

16 WHEREAS, all six schools in the Stephens County School System were recognized by the  
17 Georgia Department of Education as Reward Schools and the Stephens County Hospital was  
18 named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's Top Hospital List; and

19 WHEREAS, the area has been home to the Toccoa Symphony and the Northeast Georgia  
20 Community Concerts, providing a community that balances work and play; and

21 WHEREAS, the area celebrates all things Currahee, including the Currahee Vineyards and  
22 Winery, the Currahee Military Museum, Camp Toccoa at Currahee, and the Currahee Club,  
23 a stunning mountain golf course community atop the shores of Lake Hartwell, designed by  
24 acclaimed architect Jim Fazio, and recognized as one of *The Rolex World's* Top 1,000 Golf  
25 Courses; and

26 WHEREAS, incredible leaders call Toccoa-Stephens County home, including Chairman of  
27 the Stephens County Commission Stanley London, Mayor of Toccoa David Austin,  
28 Chairman of the Development Authority Board David Austin, Chairman of the Chamber of  
29 Commerce Board Lee Ellen Fields, Chairman of the Chamber's Government Affairs  
30 Committee Brian Akin, Executive Director of the Development Authority Tim Martin, and  
31 President of the Chamber of Commerce Wendi Bailey; and

32 WHEREAS, a county that supports great economic growth for the state and has such rich  
33 history and traditions is worthy of recognition by this body.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body recognize the great achievements of Toccoa-Stephens County and  
36 its citizens and recognize February 19, 2013, as Toccoa-Stephens County Day at the state  
37 capitol.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to members of the public and  
40 the press.