

House Resolution 914

By: Representatives Williamson of the 115th and Kirby of the 114th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and proclaiming Walton County Bicentennial Celebration Day; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Walton County was created on December 15, 1818, by the Lottery Act of 1818
4 and is named in honor of George Walton, who was a signer of the United States Declaration
5 of Independence and served as Governor of Georgia and United States senator; and

6 WHEREAS, Walton County, located 45 miles east of Atlanta in Georgia's beautiful
7 Piedmont region, is the state's 46th county; and

8 WHEREAS, eight governors were born or resided within the borders of Walton County,
9 including Texas Governor Richard B. Hubbard and Georgia Governors Wilson Lumpkin,
10 Howell Cobb, Alfred H. Colquitt, James S. Boynton, Clifford Walker, Richard B. Russell,
11 Jr., and Henry McDaniel, who as Georgia's 37th governor from 1883 to 1886, signed the bill
12 into law that established Georgia Tech as a technical university on October 13, 1885; and

13 WHEREAS, Good Hope in Walton County was the home of Miss Moina Belle Michael, the
14 "Poppy Lady," who established the poppy as a memorial to veterans; and

15 WHEREAS, Walton County comprises the cities of Monroe, the county seat, which was
16 incorporated in 1821; Between, incorporated in 1908; Good Hope, incorporated in 1905;
17 Jersey, incorporated in 1905; Loganville, incorporated in 1914; Social Circle, incorporated
18 in 1869; and Walnut Grove, incorporated in 1905; as well as the unincorporated communities
19 of Bold Springs, Campton, Gratis, Mt. Vernon, Pannell, Windsor, and Youth; and

20 WHEREAS, Walton County is home to 27 sites listed on the National Register of Historic
21 Places, including the Davis-Edwards House and the McDaniel-Tichenor House in Monroe,
22 the Briscoe House and Mill Site in Between, the William Harris Homestead in Campton, and
23 the Historic District in Social Circle; and

24 WHEREAS, the government of Walton County and its citizens will honor the rich history
25 and bright future of this great county in a year-long celebration with planned events,
26 including a tree-planting ceremony, interfaith church service and dinner, Fourth of July
27 Freedom Celebration, and veterans celebration and grand opening of Veterans Park; and

28 WHEREAS, Walton County's year-long bicentennial celebration will culminate with a 200th
29 Jubilee Celebration and Christmas Open House at the Historic Walton County Courthouse
30 in the county seat of Monroe on December 15, 2018; and

31 WHEREAS, the community of Walton County embarks on this year of honoring and
32 celebrating the past, as well as looking forward to the future, with a bicentennial Kick-Off
33 Celebration on January 30, 2018.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body do hereby recognize and proclaim Tuesday, January 30, 2018, as
36 Walton County Bicentennial Celebration Day.

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