

## Senate Resolution 119

By: Senator Wilkinson of the 50th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Habersham County and recognizing February 20, 2019, as Habersham County  
2 Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, established in 1818, Habersham County was named for Colonel Joseph  
4 Habersham and was originally an area of 713 square miles; and

5 WHEREAS, with a present size of 279 square miles and a population approaching 45,000,  
6 Habersham County provides a diverse culture and is home to Tallulah Gorge, the Niagra  
7 Falls of the South, and is located on the recently designated "GORGEous Mountain  
8 Parkway"; and

9 WHEREAS, poet Sidney Lanier waxed about the county's southwest border, the  
10 Chattahoochee River, in "The Song of the Chattahoochee," with lyrics such as: "out of the  
11 hills of Habersham, down the valleys of Hall"; and

12 WHEREAS, holding the distinction of starting and ending in Habersham County, the Soque  
13 River offers the best fly fishing east of the Mississippi, and other outdoor attractions in  
14 Habersham include Lake Russell, Panther Creek Falls, and many beautiful waterfalls, hiking  
15 trails, and rafting opportunities; and

16 WHEREAS, Habersham County boasts vibrant community centers with a robust business  
17 mix, state-of-the-art medical facilities and a nationally recognized hospital, and local events  
18 that attract residents and tourists alike; and

19 WHEREAS, Habersham County is home to six historical museums and two historic colleges,  
20 Piedmont College, with doctorate degree programs, and North Georgia Technical College,  
21 the first technical college in the state; and

22 WHEREAS, with agriculture as the number one industry in Habersham County and tourism  
23 as number two, Habersham offers attractions from outdoor recreation to cultural activities,  
24 including art galleries and active community theater; and

25 WHEREAS, Habersham County provides a supportive environment for business and  
26 industry, with existing industries ranging from international companies to small businesses;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Habersham County continues to look with optimism toward the future while  
29 keeping the proud memory of its humble beginnings close to heart to share with the  
30 succeeding generation.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 commend Habersham County on its distinguished history and recognize February 20, 2019,  
33 as Habersham County Day at the state capitol.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Habersham  
36 County.