

Senate Resolution 851

By: Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd, Tillery of the 19th, Strickland of the 17th and Watson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Thomaston-Upson Community Heart & Soul and recognizing March 2, 2020,
2 as Thomaston-Upson Community Heart & Soul Day at the state capitol; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Orton Family Foundation developed the Community Heart & Soul process as
5 a catalyst for positive change in small cities and towns; and

6 WHEREAS, 66 towns in 14 states across the country have undertaken Community Heart &
7 Soul initiatives; and

8 WHEREAS, the Georgia EMC Community Development team seeks to help communities
9 enhance their quality of life and establish vibrant economies on behalf of the local
10 cooperative; and

11 WHEREAS, the Georgia EMC Community Development team recognized Community Heart
12 & Soul as the superior resource for building strong communities with strong economies; and

13 WHEREAS, the Orton Family Foundation, Georgia EMC, Upson EMC, Unite Upson, Upson
14 County Board of Commissioners, and Thomaston City Council collaborated to be the first
15 to bring Orton's Community Heart & Soul to Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, to date, Thomaston-Upson Community Heart & Soul has connected with more
17 than 5,800 citizens who have taken the time to share what they love about the community,
18 their hopes and concerns, and even their personal stories, all of which will directly impact
19 local decision making; and

20 WHEREAS, Jennifer Rogers served as project coordinator and led the Thomaston-Upson
21 Community Heart & Soul program and was instrumental in the success of the program.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 commend Thomaston-Upson Community Heart & Soul and recognize March 2, 2020, as
24 Thomaston-Upson Community Heart & Soul Day at the state capitol.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Thomaston-Upson
27 Community Heart & Soul.