

House Resolution 39EX

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Evans of the 89th, Oliver of the 82nd, and Crawford of the 84th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and celebrating the City of Decatur on its bicentennial; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in 1822, the Georgia General Assembly designated a site for a new courthouse
3 in the newly-established DeKalb County, and a year later in 1823, the City of Decatur was
4 incorporated as a municipality, making it one of the oldest in the state; and
- 5 WHEREAS, while Atlanta experienced explosive growth, development, and sprawl, as early
6 as 1849, the City of Decatur promoted itself as a quiet and prosperous small town that
7 offered a peaceful, healthful, and beautiful place to live; and
- 8 WHEREAS, recognizing the power of storytelling to help shape a shared vision for the future
9 of Decatur, the city partnered with Agnes Scott College, Story Corps, and the Savannah
10 College of Art and Design-Atlanta (SCAD) to collect stories from Decatur community
11 members both past and present to help preserve and document the history of those who are
12 or have been a part of the Decatur community; and
- 13 WHEREAS, as part of its 200th birthday celebration, the city's residents and businesses are
14 partnering with Trees Atlanta to launch the "200 Trees Project" to plant 200 trees around the
15 city; and

16 WHEREAS, as the DeKalb County seat, the town's rich heritage, significant landmarks,
17 historic neighborhoods, and cemetery showcase Decatur's two centuries of history; and

18 WHEREAS, the city is known for its places of worship, friendly neighbors, tree-lined streets,
19 great schools, parks and playing fields, libraries, colleges, and thriving businesses; and

20 WHEREAS, Decatur is a melting pot with diverse neighborhoods; and

21 WHEREAS, it is time to celebrate the 200th year of the great City of Decatur.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend and celebrate the City of Decatur, Georgia, upon the
24 grand occasion of its bicentennial.

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