

House Resolution 50EX

By: Representative Williamson of the 115th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 30, 2021, as Monroe Bicentennial Celebration Day; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the City of Monroe, Georgia, will celebrate its bicentennial in the year of 2021,
4 and it is fitting to recognize the City of Monroe on the occasion of this special milestone and
5 to applaud its distinguished history; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1820, Elisha Betts, of Virginia, offered a gift of land for county buildings,
7 private and public cemeteries, and six acres surrounding "Spring Place," this being a public
8 gathering place for citizens in the surrounding community, and suggested to name the town
9 "Monroe" in honor of James Monroe, fifth president of the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, the City of Monroe was officially incorporated on November 30, 1821, to serve
11 as the county seat of Walton County, Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, in the twentieth century, Monroe became a bustling cotton mill town, attracting
13 local industries and building a strong business presence from one end of town to the other;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the city is known as one of Georgia's most civil-minded and cultured smaller
16 cities, proudly claiming the honor of being the "City of Governors," having furnished seven
17 citizens to serve as governor of Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, the city today is composed of 14,982 residents; has a total area of 15.36 square
19 miles; and provides many facilities and attractions, including an award-winning downtown,
20 beautiful city parks, historic districts, and premiere municipal services; and

21 WHEREAS, the City of Monroe will proudly mark its 200th anniversary with a series of
22 celebrations, including historic walking tours, an essay contest, the Bicentennial Christmas
23 Parade, and the Downtown Green Groundbreaking and time capsule burial, all culminating
24 on November 30, 2021, with a 200th birthday party at city hall; and

25 WHEREAS, in recognition of the City of Monroe's rich history and enduring contributions,
26 it is indeed an honor to pay tribute to this city upon the occasion of its bicentennial.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize Tuesday, November 30, 2021, as Monroe Bicentennial
29 Celebration Day and join the citizens of the City of Monroe in celebrating this auspicious
30 occasion.

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