

Senate Resolution 125

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Lumpkin County as the Wine Tasting Room Capital of Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the spirit of teamwork and regionalism creates a synergy of economic
4 development through culinary and agricultural tourism; and

5 WHEREAS, Lumpkin County is positioned to claim this identity because no region in
6 Georgia has 11 wine tasting rooms, offering the variety and quality of vintner arts; and

7 WHEREAS, today they have tremendous opportunities to share award-winning, local,
8 regional, and international wines with locals and visitors through their local wineries, wine
9 tasting rooms in Lumpkin County and Downtown Dahlonega, and Tasting Room touring
10 packages and events, such as the Dahlonega Wine Trail Event and the Downtown Dahlonega
11 Wine Walk; and

12 WHEREAS, their locally owned and operated wineries and tasting rooms take immense
13 pride in sharing their wines with hospitality, knowledge, and enthusiasm and are committed
14 to representing Dahlonega-Lumpkin County as the "Heart of Georgia's Wine Country,"
15 making Lumpkin County a vintner and culinary destination and the perfect candidate for
16 designation as the "Wine Tasting Room Capital of Georgia"; and

17 WHEREAS, agri-tourism and vintner and culinary tourism make three of the largest
18 economic contributions to the county, city, and communities in Lumpkin County; and

19 WHEREAS, there are five wineries in Lumpkin County; and

20 WHEREAS, Lumpkin County boasts the highest concentration of wineries and vineyards in
21 Georgia, producing European, French Hybrid, and American wine-grapes; and

22 WHEREAS, the Lumpkin County wineries annually produce 100 acres of grapes, yielding
23 23,000 bottled cases, and attract more than 100,000 wine enthusiasts.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize Lumpkin County as the Wine Tasting Room Capital of Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the wineries of
28 Lumpkin County.