

Senate Resolution 133

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Cowser of the 46th, Beach of the 21st, Goodman of the 8th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Georgia Electric Membership Corporation on 85 years of service and
2 recognizing February 10, 2025, as Georgia EMC Day at the state capitol; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in 1940, the Superior Court of the State of Georgia approved the charter of the
5 Georgia Rural Power Reserve EMC (now Georgia EMC), and its seven founders held a
6 special meeting at the Lanier Hotel in Macon wherein officers were elected and bylaws
7 approved; and

8 WHEREAS, EMCs are member-owned not-for-profit utilities that collectively serve
9 approximately 4.4 million people, nearly half of Georgia's population, across 73 percent of
10 the state's land area; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia EMC is the statewide trade association representing the state's 41
12 EMCs, Oglethorpe Power Corp., Georgia Transmission Corp., and Georgia System
13 Operations Corp.; and

14 WHEREAS, for the past 85 years, Georgia EMC has represented this network of member
15 cooperatives, who are committed to providing safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to
16 communities across the state, along with other essential services such as broadband; and

17 WHEREAS, as a result of more than eight decades of dedicated effort to improve the quality
18 of life in rural Georgia, many electric cooperatives enjoy a value to their communities that
19 goes beyond their ability to simply provide reliable light, heat, and broadband services, with
20 communities depending on them for economic development initiatives, civic leadership,
21 commitment to local job creation, consumer advocacy, support for youth and education
22 programs, charitable giving, and volunteerism efforts; and

23 WHEREAS, Georgia's electric cooperatives are proud to be considered essential corporate
24 participants in the state's responsible growth and development, and Georgia EMC looks
25 forward to many more years of service to its member cooperatives as they continue providing
26 essential electric and related services for Georgians.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 congratulate the Georgia Electric Membership Corporation for 85 years of service and
29 recognize February 10, 2025, as Georgia EMC Day at the state capitol.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
32 press.