

Senate Resolution 639

By: Senators James of the 35th, Fort of the 39th, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Tate of the 38th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 26, 2013, as District 35 Legislative Day at the capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 26, 2013, elected officials from the state, county, and municipal
4 levels, along with the constituents they serve, will come together to declare and celebrate the
5 success and unique appeal of South Fulton and Douglas Counties of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, District 35, which includes sections of unincorporated Fulton County and
7 Douglas County and the cities of Southwest Atlanta, College Park, Union City, East Point,
8 Palmetto, Chattahoochee Hills, Douglasville and Lithia Springs, and Fairburn, is a vibrant,
9 beautiful community that is rich in natural resources and competitive business advantages;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the progressive governments of South Fulton County, Douglas County, and
12 Lithia Springs provide positive environments for business growth through efficient services
13 and effective collaboration with developers to create new employment opportunities; and

14 WHEREAS, the 35th Senate District is also benefiting greatly from the efforts of the Kroger
15 Company, Google amphitheater, Publix, Camp Creek Market, and Old National Wal-Mart
16 which are having an invigorating impact on the local economy and are reflective of the
17 revitalized spirit of the community; and

18 WHEREAS, District 35 is the culmination of multimodal transportation: the home of
19 Hartsfield International Airport and the hub for two of the nation's largest railroads; the area
20 is networked to the compass by four interstate highways and contains the southernmost
21 terminus of MARTA's commuter rapid rail; and

22 WHEREAS, with more than 5,000 hotel rooms and bountiful exhibit and meeting spaces,
23 including the Georgia International Convention Center, South Fulton County is a powerful
24 contributor to serving metro Atlanta's vital convention and hospitality industries; and

25 WHEREAS, District 35 has more than 1,000 manufacturing and distribution firms and the
26 largest contiguous industrial park in the eastern United States; and

27 WHEREAS, proposed development of the District 35 area along South Fulton Parkway and
28 Douglas City Highway 92, including plans to build upscale residential housing and golf
29 courses, is indicative of the exciting growth and progress of the district's immense potential
30 for further development; and

31 WHEREAS, District 35 legislators, commissioners, mayors, and citizens are committed to
32 working together to continuously improve the quality of life in communities; they have
33 successfully established such initiatives as the Educational Wrap-around Collaborative,
34 which includes Parent University, Red Carpet Schools, and the South Fulton Incubator
35 Project; and

36 WHEREAS, with abundant resources and the commitment from all sectors of the community
37 to continue to work cooperatively for quality economic development, the future of District
38 35 has never looked more promising; and

39 WHEREAS, the 2013 District 35 Legislative Day is dedicated to the purpose of recognizing
40 and celebrating the vibrancy and commitment to the community of the residents of South
41 Fulton County and Douglas County.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
43 recognize March 26, 2013, as District 35 Legislative Day at the capitol and heartily welcome
44 to the capitol the esteemed leaders and residents of District 35.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.