

House Resolution 567

By: Representatives Ray of the 128th, Floyd of the 138th, Hanner of the 159th and Purcell of the 147th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging all state agencies and departments to use turfgrass sod to establish groundcover
2 following road and building construction projects; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is now home to a large number of turfgrass sod producers;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, turfgrass sod has become a very important agricultural commodity and is a vital
6 part of the \$5.67 billion urban agriculture industry; and

7 WHEREAS, the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
8 is recognized throughout the world as a leading institution in turfgrass research and variety
9 development; and

10 WHEREAS, establishing the proper groundcover during and following a road or building
11 construction project is the best management practice to achieve proper water quality; and

12 WHEREAS, science based best management practices for establishing groundcover are
13 recognized by the University of Georgia and the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation
14 Commission; and

15 WHEREAS, the use of turfgrass sod is one of the most effective remedies available in
16 establishing postconstruction groundcover.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 this body urges all state agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of
19 Transportation and the Department of Natural Resources, to utilize turfgrass sod to establish
20 groundcover following road and building construction projects and further urges said
21 agencies to purchase Georgia grown turfgrass sod whenever possible.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the head of every
3 department of state government.