

House Resolution 34

By: Representatives Ray of the 108th, Royal of the 140th, Floyd of the 132nd and James of the 114th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia urban agriculture industry; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, wholesale and retail nursery owners, landscape installation and maintenance
4 professionals, golf course superintendents, and irrigation contractors facilitate the marketing,
5 public use, and enjoyment of the aforementioned products; and

6 WHEREAS, collectively this important sector of agribusiness is increasingly being referred
7 to as the "urban agriculture industry"; and

8 WHEREAS, the Metro Atlanta Landscape and Turf Association, Georgia Turfgrass
9 Association, Georgia Green Industry Association, Georgia Golf Course Superintendents
10 Association, Georgia Irrigation Association, Georgia Sod Producers Association, and the
11 Georgia Agribusiness Council work in concert to represent the urban agriculture industry in
12 the public arena; and

13 WHEREAS, the more than 6,600 Georgia urban agriculture businesses provide 113,000 jobs
14 and generate over \$5.7 billion in total economic impact to the state; and

15 WHEREAS, urban agriculture activities not only touch every county in Georgia
16 economically, but also environmentally; and

17 WHEREAS, the environmental benefits of urban agriculture serve to enhance greenspace and
18 protect and improve water quality and the overall quality of life for all citizens of Georgia.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 this body acknowledges and appreciates the men and women of the urban agriculture
21 industry and commends each industry professional for making Georgia a better place to live
22 and work.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the leadership of the Metro
3 Atlanta Landscape and Turf Association, Georgia Turfgrass Association, Georgia Green
4 Industry Association, Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association, Georgia Irrigation
5 Association, Georgia Sod Producers Association, and the Georgia Agribusiness Council.