

## House Resolution 135

By: Representatives Floyd of the 132<sup>nd</sup> and Coleman of the 118<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Miss Laura Bland, 2003 Georgia Watermelon Queen, and  
2 inviting her to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Miss Laura Bland was recently selected as the 2003 Georgia Watermelon  
4 Queen by the Georgia Watermelon Association. In Laura, the association found a deserving  
5 queen as she is a talented, beautiful, and accomplished young woman; and

6 WHEREAS, Laura, the 18 year-old daughter of Jerry Bland of Helena, Georgia, and Judy  
7 Walker of St. Simons Island, Georgia, is a freshman attending Middle Georgia College in  
8 Cochran, and after completing her course work there she intends to transfer to Mercer  
9 University in Macon to pursue a degree in Education; and

10 WHEREAS, Laura is very active in her school and community, and she serves as the  
11 Vice-president of Economic Affairs for the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Eastman, is  
12 Chief Executive Officer of Dodge International Marketing Company, and while still in high  
13 school she was a chairperson of the Distributive Education Clubs of America, secretary of  
14 the French Club, and secretary of the Anchor Club, and she was selected Best Dressed as a  
15 Senior Favorite and was on the homecoming court, and she was selected Who's Who and is  
16 a HOPE Scholarship recipient; and

17 WHEREAS, she enjoys hunting, traveling, photography, and collecting antiques; and

18 WHEREAS, as Georgia Watermelon Queen, Laura is the official spokesperson for the  
19 Georgia Watermelon Association, and she will make many appearances this year across the  
20 state on behalf of Georgia's watermelon industry. With her poise and intelligence and  
21 connection to farming, Laura will be an exemplary representative of the agriculture and  
22 watermelon industries in Georgia.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body recognize and commend Miss Laura Bland on her selection as the  
3 2003 Georgia Watermelon Queen and for her many achievements and outstanding  
4 representation of the State of Georgia and its agricultural heritage.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Miss Laura Bland is invited to appear before the House  
6 of Representatives on such date at a time to be designated by the Speaker of the House of  
7 Representatives.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Miss Laura Bland.