

Senate Resolution 192

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th, Bulloch of the 11th, Kemp of the 46th and Hudgens of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 3-11, 2003, as National Emu Week in Georgia and commending the
2 Georgia Emu Association for its unrelenting efforts to forge an alternative livestock market
3 in Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, a growing sector of Georgia's agricultural economy comes from the efforts and
5 contributions of emu growers, most of whom are small farmers, involved in raising,
6 processing, and marketing emu products through humane and environmentally positive
7 practices that produce beneficial products for our society; and

8 WHEREAS, there are over 300 emu farms in the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, emus are members of the ratite family, which includes the ostrich, rhea,
10 cassowary, and kiwi. Originally from Australia, these birds are very useful for their meat,
11 oil, hide, feathers, and eggs; and

12 WHEREAS, medical studies have shown that emu oil offers burn victims hope in the battle
13 to promote new skin growth and can lessen the extent of prolonged and painful traditional
14 treatments of skin scraping and skin grafting; and

15 WHEREAS, the emu is environmentally friendly to raise and its unique low-fat meat is
16 similar in taste and texture to lean beef and is free from growth hormones and antibiotics, and
17 the American Heart Association recognizes emu meat as a healthy alternative to other red
18 meats; and

19 WHEREAS, certain leaders have made a significant contribution to establishing and
20 furthering the emu industry in Georgia and the Georgia Emu Association, including Barbara
21 and David Baker of Baker's Acres of Hampton, Georgia; Pat and Steve Jackson of Misty
22 Oaks Farm of Macon, Georgia; and Kelly and Jim Scott of Fancy Feathers Farm of Comer,
23 Georgia.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the week of May 3-11,
2 2003, is recognized as National Emu Week in Georgia.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members this body commend the members of the
4 Georgia Emu Association for their efforts in developing the emu market in Georgia.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Emu Association.