

## House Resolution 755

By: Representatives Sheldon of the 71<sup>st</sup>, Post 2 and Walker of the 71<sup>st</sup>, Post 1

## 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 farmers in 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the week of May 3-11, 2003, is recognized as National Emu Week in Georgia and the  
3 members of the Georgia Emu Association are commended for their efforts in developing the  
4 emu market in Georgia.

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