

## Senate Resolution 867

By: Senator Thomas of the 2nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Promised Land Farm and recognizing the 2004 Collard Green Festival and  
2 the first ever Collard Green Festival Parade; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Johnson family, owners of the Promised Land Farm, is widely recognized  
4 as one of the most charitable families in all of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1990, brothers Robert and Willie and cousin Tony Johnson took a vacant  
6 parcel of land and converted it into the Promised Land Farm; and

7 WHEREAS, the farm is known for producing a summer crop of corn, butter beans, okra,  
8 squash, watermelons, cucumbers, and sugar cane and a winter crop of tomatoes, turnips,  
9 collard greens, mustard greens, cabbage, kale, and rutabagas all ensuring a year round  
10 harvest; and

11 WHEREAS, the Johnsons are known to generously donate surplus crops to area shelters and  
12 nonprofit organizations such as the Salvation Army, Inner City Night Shelter, and local  
13 churches; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1999, the Collard Green Festival was started and the Johnsons began giving  
15 free collard greens to senior citizens and disabled veterans; and

16 WHEREAS, the event is now celebrated with live gospel music, home-cooked barbecue, and  
17 door prizes donated by local businesses and has grown this year to include its first ever  
18 Collard Green Festival Parade; and

19 WHEREAS, for the remarkable generosity the Johnson family has shown and the community  
20 spirit that the Collard Green Festival and this year's parade have built, it is both fitting and  
21 proper that these individuals and this festival be recognized.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 commend Robert, Willie, and the entire Johnson family for their selfless contributions to the  
3 needy, senior citizens, disabled veterans, and the community and recognize the 2004 Collard  
4 Green Festival and the first ever Collard Green Festival Parade.

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 Johnson family and Promised Land  
7 Farms.