

Senate Resolution 882

By: Senator Thompson of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the protection and
 2 preservation of agriculture and the right to farm shall be a primary responsibility of the State
 3 of Georgia and that agriculture and the right to farm shall be protected from unreasonable
 4 regulation, excessive taxation, and developmental encroachment; to provide for submission
 5 of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 Article I, Section II of the Constitution is amended by adding at its end a new Paragraph X
 9 to read as follows:

10 "Paragraph X. *Protection and preservation of agriculture.* The protection and
 11 preservation of agriculture and the right to farm shall be a primary responsibility of the
 12 State of Georgia. In furtherance of such responsibility, agriculture and the right to farm
 13 may be the subject of reasonable regulation in the public interest but shall be protected
 14 from unreasonable regulation, excessive taxation, and developmental encroachment."
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16 SECTION 2.

17 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
 18 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
 19 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

20 "() YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to provide that the protection and
 21 preservation of agriculture and the right to farm shall be a primary
 22 () NO responsibility of the State of Georgia and that agriculture and the right to
 23 farm shall be protected from unreasonable regulation, excessive taxation,
 24 and developmental encroachment?"

25 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

26 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If

- 1 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
- 2 become a part of the Constitution of this state.