

House Resolution 1601

By: Representative Powell of the 23rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Owen Thomason, 2003 Agriscience Teacher of the Year;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in recognition of his superior achievements in the area of agricultural education,
4 Owen Thomason was named the 2003 Agriscience Teacher of the Year by the National FFA
5 Organization at its convention on October 31, 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomason, a high school teacher at Franklin County High School in
7 Carnesville, Georgia, and advisor of the Franklin County FFA Chapter, recognized that his
8 local community was changing from traditional production agricultural farms to hobby farms
9 and urban flight and began looking for new ways to attract students; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomason, with funding from a school-to-work grant, maintains a
11 greenhouse containing an aquaculture system that can handle 12,000 fish; and

12 WHEREAS, the innovative curriculum and teaching tools are attracting to his course
13 nontraditional students who bring unique perspectives to agricultural education and who
14 learn that experimentation, current events, and analytical thinking are an integral part of
15 agricultural education; and

16 WHEREAS, each year, the National FFA Organization awards the Agriscience Teacher of
17 the Year title to an agricultural education teacher who brings excellence of curriculum and
18 presentation to the agriscience classroom and FFA activities; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomason, in recognition of his achievement, received a personal plaque,
20 a plaque for his school, and a \$1,500.00 cash award.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body commend and congratulate Owen Thomason on his
3 accomplishments and wish him continued success.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Owen Thomason.