

House Resolution 565

By: Representatives Black of the 174th, Borders of the 175th, and Shaw of the 176th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Echols County and the Lake Park area of Lowndes County as the Carrot Capital
2 of the South; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Echols County and the Lake Park area of Lowndes County have established a
4 leading role in the production and processing of carrots, with over 140 million pounds of
5 annual production; and

6 WHEREAS, a majority of the carrot production in Georgia is in this area and it makes
7 Georgia the number two state in volume of carrot production, behind only California, and the
8 leading state in the southeast; and

9 WHEREAS, carrot production in the area has grown tremendously over the last five years,
10 contributing to a 57 percent increase in farm land in Echols County, a 65 percent increase in
11 average farm size, a 350 percent increase in market gate value, and a 373 percent increase
12 in market value per farm; and

13 WHEREAS, those who have played a leading role in developing carrot production and
14 processing in the area should be commended for their important contributions to the
15 economy and well-being of the State of Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, the area production of this important and healthy crop is an important
17 achievement and worthy of recognition and acclaim.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 this body hereby recognizes Echols County and the Lake Park area of Lowndes County as
20 the Carrot Capital of the South.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to
2 transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the appropriate local officials and
3 organizations in Echols County and the Lake Park area of Lowndes County.