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House Resolution 1092

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Georgia Farm Bureau for adopting Resolution 074-A with respect to the
- 2 federal estate tax; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, under tax relief legislation passed in 2001, the federal estate tax was
- 4 temporarily phased out but not permanently eliminated; and
- 5 WHEREAS, farmers and other small business owners will face losing their farms and
- 6 businesses if the federal government resumes the heavy taxation of citizens at death; and
- 7 WHEREAS, this is a tax that is particularly damaging to families who are working their way
- 8 up the ladder and trying to accumulate wealth for the first time; and
- 9 WHEREAS, employees suffer layoffs when small and medium businesses are liquidated to
- 10 pay such taxes; and
- 11 WHEREAS, if the tax had been repealed in 1996, the United States economy would have
- realized billions of dollars each year extra output and an average of 145,000 additional new
- 13 jobs would have been created; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the repeal of this tax or the revision of the tax to eliminate confusing provisions
- and reduce its impact and burden holds wide bipartisan support.
- 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 17 the Georgia Farm Bureau is commended for adopting Resolution 074-A calling for a
- 18 permanent repeal of the federal estate tax with stepped up basis provisions at the time of
- 19 death.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized

2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Farm Bureau.