

House Resolution 1289

By: Representatives Kidd of the 115th, Heard of the 114th, and Smith of the 113th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pedro Villegas-Narváez, D.V.M., for his monumental
2 contributions and accomplishments, and inviting him to appear before the House of
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Pedro Villegas-Narváez, D.V.M., was born on December 2, 1943, to Jesús
5 Villegas-Vélez and Leonor Narváez in the town of Líbano (Tolima), Colombia, South
6 America; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Villegas has been a member of the faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the
8 University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, since 1977; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Villegas holds a bachelor's degree from the Universidad del Tolima,
10 Ibagué, Colombia, a Master of Science degree in veterinary microbiology from Texas A&M
11 University in College Station, Texas, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in medical
12 microbiology from the University of Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Villegas has been Acting Director of the Veterinary Microbiology Program
14 of the Colombian Agricultural Institute, Director of the Diagnosis and Avian Diseases
15 Program of the Colombian Agricultural Institute, and faculty member at the National
16 University and the Universidad Javeriana, in Bogotá, Colombia; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Villegas is regarded as a leading authority in the field of poultry science and
18 has achieved the highest honors and commendations in his field, including membership in
19 the most respected professional organizations in his field, induction into the Latin American
20 Poultry Hall of Fame, election as President of the Latin American Veterinary Poultry
21 Association, and an honorary doctorate from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid,
22 becoming the first veterinarian to receive that university's highest honor in its 500 year
23 history; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Villegas is an honorary professor of the Universidad de Peru, and the
2 Universidad del Tolima in Ibagué, Colombia; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Villegas has been recognized by the California State Assembly for his
4 accomplishments via the passage of Members Resolution No. 932 on March 26, 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Villegas has developed and patented vaccines and methods that have made
6 extraordinary contributions to the poultry industry and food security in Georgia, the United
7 States, and the world; and

8 WHEREAS, through his exceptional commitment to teaching, Dr. Villegas has trained scores
9 of poultry veterinarians from the United States, Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador, Spain, Chile,
10 France, Egypt, Brazil, Panama, the Dominican Republic, Pakistan, Venezuela, Taiwan, the
11 Philippines, Germany, Argentina, and Peru; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Villegas became a naturalized United States citizen in December 1989; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Villegas is married to Angela E. Cataño and has three children: Pedro, born
14 in 1971, Andrés, born in 1976, and Patricia Elena, born in 1983.

15 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body join in recognizing the extraordinary contributions Dr. Pedro
17 Villegas-Narváez has made to the State of Georgia and the United States and commending
18 him for his distinguished career and professional achievements in teaching and research and
19 as an international Ambassador of Goodwill and Friendship in the field of veterinary
20 medicine.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Pedro Villegas-Narváez is invited to appear before
22 the House of Representatives for purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving
23 an appropriate copy of this resolution at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the
24 House.