

House Resolution 1826

By: Representatives Shaw of the 176th and Smith of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Patten Seed Company and congratulating it on winning the Cox Century Award;
- 2 and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, for many decades, Patten Seed Company, based in Lakeland, Georgia, has been
- 4 offering its customers high quality products, along with reasonable prices and superlative
- 5 service; and

- 6 WHEREAS, the business's history began in 1893, when brothers R.L. and W.F. Patten
- 7 opened a general merchandise store in Lakeland, and moved into the agricultural market
- 8 when R.L.'s son, Lawson Patten, opened a seed cleaning business in his father's cotton
- 9 warehouse in 1947; and

- 10 WHEREAS, Lawson Patten's son-in-law, Bill Roquemore, was instrumental in Patten Seed's
- 11 development, helping the company grow into a thriving business with 350 employees at 25
- 12 facilities in four states; and

- 13 WHEREAS, today, Patten Seed is at the forefront of the turfgrass, sod, and seed industry and
- 14 handles planting and contract maintenance at golf courses, in addition to operating a pecan
- 15 business and raising container-grown nursery trees; and

- 16 WHEREAS, Patten Seed has earned the respect and admiration of customers and competitors
- 17 alike for its commitment to community and family, and the company recently was named as
- 18 the winner of the Cox Century Award, to be received at the 2006 Georgia Family Business
- 19 of the Year Awards ceremony in May; and

- 20 WHEREAS, the Cox Century Award is bestowed by the Cox Family Enterprise Center as
- 21 a way of honoring successful Georgia based businesses that have been in operation for at
- 22 least 100 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Patten Seed's many years of outstanding service certainly make it the perfect
2 choice for this prestigious award, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this venerable
3 Georgia business be appropriately recognized by this body as a worthy model for all
4 companies that aspire to excellence.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body join in commending Patten Seed Company on its extraordinary
7 achievements and congratulate it on receiving the Cox Century Award.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ben Copeland,
10 president of Patten Seed Company.