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House Resolution 1861

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the Governor to continue his pursuit of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility
- 2 for Georgia and expressing the House's support of his efforts; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, a national research facility that could fight pandemics such as bird flu, combat
- 4 bioterrorism, and provide hundreds of high-paying jobs has been proposed on the national
- 5 level; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in these uncertain times of global terrorism, it is essential that our nation have
- 7 such a facility as part of the Department of Homeland Security; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the facility would bring 1,000 construction jobs, house 450 federal workers, and
- 9 have at least a \$3 billion economic impact on the region; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the location of this facility here would cement Georgia's role as a national and
- world leader in this highly competitive field; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the new facility's responsibilities would include study of animal diseases foreign
- 13 to the United States, transmission of disease between animals and humans, vaccine
- 14 development, and safety of the American food supply.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 16 the members of this body urge the Governor to continue his pursuit of the National Bio and
- 17 Agro-Defense Facility for Georgia and express their support of his efforts.
- 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Governor and to each
- 20 member of the Georgia congressional delegation.