

House Resolution 44

By: Representatives Burkhalter of the 50th, Stephens of the 164th, Smith of the 113th, and Parrish of the 156th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Phillip Jennings III and inviting him to appear before the
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Phillip Jennings III, a 1979 graduate of East Georgia College, is owner and
4 president of the state's largest producer of certified turfgrasses and the world's largest
5 exporter of turfgrass with markets in 30 different nations around the globe; and

6 WHEREAS, Phillip Jennings Turf Farms began in 1998 with only 150 acres of turfgrass and
7 a staff of five employees, but has since added farms in Treutlen, Emanuel, Washington, and
8 Toombs Counties, growing to the size of 3,500 acres and becoming the largest employer in
9 Treutlen County; and

10 WHEREAS, Jennings Turf produces 18 varieties of quality grass for golf courses, athletic
11 fields, businesses, and residential landscaping, is the exclusive sod supplier for Home Depot
12 and Pike Family Nurseries in the Southeastern United States, and was the proud supplier for
13 Super Bowl XXXIX and Super Bowl XLI; and

14 WHEREAS, the company is a national leader in agricultural research, as it has worked with
15 the University of Georgia to grow a number of "Sea Isle" grasses engineered for saltwater
16 environments and has recently signed an agreement with Mississippi State University
17 concerning patents on grass grown in a medium without soil; and

18 WHEREAS, in less than ten years, Jennings Turf has become an impressive force of
19 prosperity for the State of Georgia through its dedication to a quality product, improved
20 agricultural techniques, and sustained commitment to the employees within its care.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize and commend Phillip Jennings III for his outstanding

1 performance in the management and development of turfgrass farming and for his significant
2 contributions to the State of Georgia.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Phillip Jennings III is hereby invited to appear
4 before the House of Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the
5 House for the purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate copy
6 of this resolution.