

The House Committee on Rules offers the following substitute to HR 44:

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 and a 1981
4 graduate of the University of Georgia, is owner and president of the state's largest producer
5 of certified turfgrasses and the world's largest exporter of turfgrass with markets in 30
6 different nations around the globe; and

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

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

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

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 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.