

House Resolution 466

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86th, Thomas of the 100th, and Porter of the 143rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing May 27, 2007, as "Rachel Carson Day"; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, worldwide exposure to chemical pesticides brings about greater harm than most
3 people realize; and
- 4 WHEREAS, more than 3 billion kilograms of pesticides are spread on the Earth annually,
5 exposing both human and wildlife populations to chemicals, with potentially serious
6 repercussions for life everywhere; and
- 7 WHEREAS, our children are uniquely vulnerable to chemical pesticides due to their
8 developing physiology and to their habit of frequently putting their hands into their mouths;
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, chemical pesticides applied outdoors are washed into our waterways and our
11 drinking water sources, and several types of cancer, neurological diseases, endocrine
12 disorders and birth defects have all been associated with exposure to common pesticides; and
- 13 WHEREAS, pregnant women, children, asthmatics, cancer patients, elderly and other
14 immune compromised people and migratory birds are all highly vulnerable to toxic effects
15 of chemical pesticides; and
- 16 WHEREAS, more than 40 years ago, the well-known writer, scientist and ecologist Rachel
17 Carson alerted America and the world to the potential hazards of pesticides in her landmark
18 book, Silent Spring; and
- 19 WHEREAS, we need to heed this warning as the quantity of pesticides used in our country
20 has continued to grow over the years and poses a potential threat to all life forms.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body recognize May 27, 2007, as "Rachel Carson Day" throughout
3 Georgia in honor of her work, and urge the citizens of Georgia to focus their attention on the
4 potentially serious hazards associated with chemical pesticides.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives invites
6 citizens throughout Georgia to observe this day, the birth date of Rachel Carson, by
7 refraining from using chemical pesticides on this day, and asks the citizens of Georgia for
8 their cooperation in seeking alternative methods of pest management.