

Senate Resolution 611

By: Senator Rogers of the 21st

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and its officers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, with its recent acquisition of Gold Kist Inc., Pilgrim's Pride Corporation now  
3 ranks as the #1 chicken company in Georgia and the United States; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Georgia is now the company's largest state for chicken production and  
5 processing, and, with the recent acquisition of Gold Kist adding to its existing operations in  
6 Georgia, Pilgrim's Pride will have one or more agribusiness facilities (processing plant,  
7 prepared foods plant, further processing plant, hatchery, feed mill, and sales and  
8 administrative offices) in the following counties: Carroll, Cherokee, Clarke, Coffee, DeKalb,  
9 Elbert, Gilmer, Gwinnett, Gordon, Hall, Haralson, Jackson, Pickens, and Whitfield; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Pilgrim's Pride has broiler growers and hatching egg producers in 53 counties:  
11 Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Ben Hill, Berrien, Carroll, Catoosa,  
12 Cherokee, Clarke, Clinch, Coffee, Dade, Dawson, Douglas, Elbert, Fannin, Floyd, Forsyth,  
13 Franklin, Fulton, Gilmer, Gordon, Greene, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Hart,  
14 Heard, Irwin, Jackson, Jeff Davis, Lanier, Lumpkin, Madison, Morgan, Murray, Oconee,  
15 Oglethorpe, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Stephens, Union, Walker, Walton, Ware, White,  
16 Whitfield, and Wilkes; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Pilgrim's Pride has had a significant positive impact on Georgia's economy and  
18 continues to benefit this state through job and farm opportunities and tax revenues; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Pilgrim's Pride has been active in the Georgia Poultry Federation, Georgia  
20 Poultry Processors Association, Georgia Poultry Improvement Association, National Chicken  
21 Council, U.S. Poultry & Egg Association, and U.S. Poultry & Egg Export Council; and
- 22 WHEREAS, Pilgrim's Pride has earned numerous awards for quality and service from its  
23 customers, as well as accolades within its industry, including the Distinguished Supplier

1 Award from Darden Restaurants, Inc., the world's largest casual dining restaurant company;  
2 the 2005 Vendor Partnership Award from Jack in the Box Inc.; the Poultry Supplier of the  
3 Year Award from Zaxby's, a major chicken restaurant chain; and the Outstanding Vendor  
4 of the Year Award from Fry's Food Stores, a division of The Kroger Co. Pilgrim's Pride has  
5 also been named among the "Most Admired Companies in America" by *Fortune* for four  
6 consecutive years and was named one of the "Best Managed Companies in America" by  
7 *Forbes* in 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, the corporation's officers are Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim, chairman; Clifford Butler,  
9 vice chairman; O.B. Goolsby, Jr., president and chief executive officer; Richard A. Cogdill,  
10 chief financial officer, executive vice president, secretary, and treasurer; and J. Clinton  
11 Rivers, chief operating officer.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
13 commend Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and its corporate officers for their outstanding  
14 achievements and contributions to the welfare of this state.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
16 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation.