

## Senate Resolution 656

By: Senators Grant of the 25th, Thompson of the 33rd, Tarver of the 22nd, Hudgens of the 47th and Bulloch of the 11th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and remembering the life of Henry Scott Verner; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Henry Scott Verner was born September 8, 1924, in Retreat, South Carolina,  
3 at the Verner family home known as "Bachelor's Retreat" and moved to Watkinsville,  
4 Georgia, in 1926; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he married Sara Davis Breedlove on September 6, 1947, and throughout his life  
6 he was the loving protector of five children, the guardian of his nephew and niece, and an  
7 inexhaustible source of warmth and guidance for his 18 grandchildren and two  
8 great-grandchildren; and
- 9 WHEREAS, when his three older brothers were called to service during World War II, he  
10 assumed full responsibility for operating the family dairy operation of approximately 35 milk  
11 cows; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he began managing farm operations in Rutledge, Georgia, and Morgan County  
13 for T. R. Breedlove in March of 1949, and under his astute management, the Breedlove  
14 family farms in Morgan County evolved over the years into a diversified 1,300 acre  
15 operation with over 1,000 head of beef cattle; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he established Verner Farms, a 200 acre enterprise in beef cattle, poultry, and  
17 Bermuda hay, in 1975 and formed the Verner Farms Partnership with his son, Alan, in 1979;  
18 and the business has since grown into a successful 800 acre enterprise; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was appointed to the Walton EMC Board of Directors in June 1958 and has  
20 served with distinction in a number of board capacities such as secretary and treasurer, vice  
21 president, and president, retiring in 2003 after 45 years of exceptional service; and

1 WHEREAS, he was the distinguished recipient of a number of honors, including the 1990  
2 Farm Family Leadership and Achievement Award from the Morgan County Chamber of  
3 Commerce, the 1992 Commercial Cattlemen of the Year from the Georgia Cattlemen's  
4 Association, and the 1997 Centennial Family Farm Designation from the State of Georgia;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, he served his neighbors faithfully as a member of the Morgan County Planning  
7 and Zoning Commission, the Northeast Georgia Regional Economic Development Board,  
8 the director of the Bank of Morgan County, a founding board member of Rutledge Academy,  
9 a director of the Morgan County Farm Bureau, and the director of the Farmers Home  
10 Administration; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2005, he was honored with Morgan County's first Yellow Dog Democrat  
12 Award from a distinguished former member of this body, the Honorable E. Roy Lambert, on  
13 behalf of the Morgan County Democrats at their inaugural Jefferson-Jackson Dinner; and

14 WHEREAS, he was known for over 30 years for passing out peppermint candy to everyone  
15 he came in contact with and was later given the title of "Peppermint Pop" by one of his  
16 grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, in all of his endeavors, Henry served his family, friends, neighbors, and his  
18 Savior with the utmost love and devotion, and it is fitting and proper to honor such a  
19 distinguished leader of the community and accomplished citizen of Georgia.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 join in honoring and remembering the numerous outstanding accomplishments of Henry  
22 Scott Verner, expressing their deepest regret at his passing, and extending their most sincere  
23 condolences to his family.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Henry Scott Verner.