

## House Resolution 859

By: Representatives Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>, Porter of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, McCall of the 30<sup>th</sup>, Crawford of the 127<sup>th</sup>, Holt of the 112<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring 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 place, "Bachelor's Retreat"; and
- 4 WHEREAS, his family moved to Georgia in 1926, eventually settling in Watkinsville where  
5 he worked on the family dairy operation until December, 1948; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Henry was joined in marriage to Sara Davis Breedlove on September 6, 1947,  
7 and together they treasured seven children, 18 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren;  
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1949, he began managing the Morgan County farm operations of his  
10 father-in-law, T.R. Breedlove, and did so until 1975, when he established Verner Farms, a  
11 200 acre diversified beef cattle, poultry, and bermuda hay enterprise; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Henry's son, Alan, joined the venture in 1979, and together they worked to  
13 establish the successful 800 acre poultry, beef cattle, quality hay, and bermuda sprigging  
14 enterprise that is Verner Farms today; and
- 15 WHEREAS, begun in 1958, his service on the Walton EMC Board of Directors spanned a  
16 remarkable 45 years, during which he served on most of the board's committees and as the  
17 board's president/chairman, vice president, and secretary-treasurer; and
- 18 WHEREAS, further service to his community included membership on the Morgan County  
19 Planning and Zoning Commission, the Northeast Georgia Regional Economic Development  
20 Board, the Morgan County Farm Bureau, and the Farmers Home Administration; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2005, he received Morgan County's first "Yellow Dog Democrat" Award  
2 from a distinguished former member of this body, the Honorable E. Roy Lambert, on behalf  
3 of Morgan County Democrats at their inaugural Jefferson–Jackson dinner; and

4 WHEREAS, Henry was an active member of churches in Rutledge and Madison and was  
5 widely known throughout the community as "Peppermint Pop," a nickname bestowed upon  
6 him because he always had peppermint candy to share with whomever he met; and

7 WHEREAS, this fine gentleman truly loved the land that he farmed and was wholly devoted  
8 to his family, friends, community, and Savior.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
10 the members of this body honor the life of Henry Scott Verner and express condolences to  
11 his family on the loss of this great Georgian.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Henry Scott  
14 Verner.