

House Resolution 886

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Smith of the 70th, McCall of the 30th, Heard of the 114th, and McKillip of the 115th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the State of Georgia to continue its efforts to establish the National Bio and
2 AgroDefense Facility in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there is a proposal for a national research facility equipped to fight pandemics
4 such as bird flu, combat bioterrorism, and provide hundreds of high-paying jobs on the
5 national level; and

6 WHEREAS, in these uncertain times of global terrorism, it is essential that our nation have
7 such a state-of-the-art facility as replacement for the aging Plum Island facility; and

8 WHEREAS, the new \$450 million facility would bring 1,000 construction jobs, house 450
9 federal workers, employ more than 500 full-time scientists, and have an estimated economic
10 impact in Georgia of up to \$6 billion over the next 20 years; and

11 WHEREAS, the new facility's responsibilities would include the study of animal diseases
12 foreign to the United States, transmission of disease between animals and humans, vaccine
13 development, and safety of the American food supply; and

14 WHEREAS, the University of Georgia (UGA) has been selected as one of the 18 finalists for
15 the possible location of the National Bio and AgroDefense Facility; and

16 WHEREAS, the research capabilities and talented personnel available at UGA make it a
17 promising host site, and the surrounding community has expressed its support for the
18 establishment of the facility in this area; and

19 WHEREAS, the placement of the National Bio and AgroDefense Facility in this state would
20 cement Georgia's role as a recognized national and world leader in this highly competitive
21 field.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body hereby urge the State of Georgia to continue its pursuit of
3 establishing the National Bio and AgroDefense Facility in Georgia.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Governor Sonny Perdue and
6 to each member of the Georgia congressional delegation.