

House Resolution 959

By: Representative Smith of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Rockingham Pecans; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Rockingham Pecans business of Alma, Georgia, was founded by Jackson
3 C. Carter, who planted the first trees in 1989; and

4 WHEREAS, throughout the years, his son and daughter-in-law, James and Bertha Carter,
5 have planted, irrigated, and cared for about 500 pecan trees, the nuts of which the Carters
6 sold in-the-shell by bulk to a wholesale pecan business; and

7 WHEREAS, realizing that more revenue could be gained by shelling out the pecans, they
8 purchased the necessary equipment to begin this process; and

9 WHEREAS, following the specifications of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, a new
10 cracking and shelling room and a separate kitchen were added to the present facility, and the
11 entrepreneurs have broadened their business to include not only shelled out pecans but also
12 a variety of candies, pies, and flavored pecans; and

13 WHEREAS, after assistance from the Bacon County Extension Office, they were encouraged
14 to pursue the aid of the University of Georgia Food Science Department in acquiring
15 nutritional statements, making their products ready to be dispensed on the retail market; and

16 WHEREAS, the Carters entered the first annual Flavor of Georgia Food Contest with their
17 Rockingham Fried Pecans and made it to the finals on Tuesday, March 20, 2007.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body commend Rockingham Pecans for its hard work and dedication in
20 providing delicious pecans and other foods to the citizens of Georgia.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Rockingham Pecans.