A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Promised Land Farm and recognizing the 2008 Collard Green Festival and
- 2 the Collard Green Festival Parade; and for other purposes.
- WHEREAS, the Johnson family, owners of the Promised Land Farm, is widely recognized
 as one of the most charitable families in all of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in 1990, brothers Robert and Willie and cousin Tony Johnson took a vacant
 6 parcel of land and converted it into the Promised Land Farm; and
- WHEREAS, the farm is known for producing a summer crop of corn, butter beans, okra,
 squash, watermelons, cucumbers, and sugar cane and a winter crop of tomatoes, turnips,
 collard greens, mustard greens, cabbage, kale, and rutabagas, all ensuring a year round
 harvest; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the Johnsons are known to generously donate surplus crops to area shelters and
- 12 nonprofit organizations such as the Salvation Army, Inner City Night Shelter, and local
- 13 churches; and
- WHEREAS, in 1999, the Collard Green Festival was started and the Johnsons began giving
 free collard greens to senior citizens and disabled veterans; and
- WHEREAS, the event is now celebrated with live gospel music, home-cooked barbecue, and
 door prizes donated by local businesses and has grown to include the Collard Green Festival
 Parade; and
- 19 WHEREAS, for the remarkable generosity the Johnson family has shown and the community
- 20 spirit that the Collard Green Festival and this year's parade have built, it is both fitting and
- 21 proper that these individuals and this festival be recognized.

- 1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 2 commend Robert, Willie, and the entire Johnson family for their selfless contributions to the
- 3 needy, senior citizens, disabled veterans, and the community and recognize the 2008 Collard
- 4 Green Festival and the Collard Green Festival Parade.
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Johnson family and the Promised
- 7 Land Farm.