

House Resolution 1484

By: Representative Fleming of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the J. Phil Campbell, Senior, Natural Resource Conservation Center and urging
2 the United States Congress to reject plans to close the center; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the J. Phil Campbell, Senior, Natural Resource Conservation Center located in
4 Watkinsville, Georgia, has a rich history of providing valuable research support to farmers
5 in the southeastern United States; and

6 WHEREAS, the center's mission is to apply state of the art understanding to develop
7 efficient, economical, and socially acceptable agro-ecosystems; and

8 WHEREAS, research scientists carry out this mission in partnership with farmers, leaders
9 of soil and water conservation districts, and state and federal regulatory agencies; and

10 WHEREAS, these agricultural professionals actively pursue the goal of transferring
11 successful agricultural systems to land owners and managers to protect and sustain the
12 natural resource base, build accord with nonagricultural sectors, and support healthy rural
13 economies; and

14 WHEREAS, research field days conducted at the center provide opportunities for Georgia
15 farmers to acquire research based knowledge in a valuable, hands-on environment; and

16 WHEREAS, the unique benefits produced from the Campbell Center are in significant
17 jeopardy due to fiscal year 2009 budget cuts proposed by the administration of President
18 George W. Bush.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body urge the United States Congress to reject plans to close the J. Phil
21 Campbell, Senior, Natural Resource Conservation Center and urge members of the Georgia

1 Congressional Delegation to take all necessary steps to maintain a viable research program
2 at the center for the ultimate benefit of farmers in the southeastern United States.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the United States Secretary
5 of Agriculture and all members of the Georgia Congressional Delegation.