

House Resolution 1682

By: Representatives Parrish of the 156th, McCall of the 30th, Stephens of the 164th, England of the 108th, Shaw of the 176th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the value and economic opportunity Georgia-grown products offer Georgia
2 citizens and the overall economy, and commending Georgia Organics, the Georgia
3 Restaurant Association, and the Green Foodservice Alliance; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, Georgia-grown products provide economic opportunity for Georgia's citizens
5 and its economy; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Georgia Organics, the Georgia Restaurant Association, and the Green
7 Foodservice Alliance promote and expand opportunities for Georgia's agricultural producers;
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, agriculture is the number one business industry in the state and represents a
10 long-standing tradition of agricultural values that continues to define our state; and
- 11 WHEREAS, agriculture is a cultural heritage to be preserved and expanded, and it is
12 imperative that we preserve the beautiful and productive rural landscape that defines so much
13 of our great state so that future generations may enjoy it; and
- 14 WHEREAS, agriculture in Georgia and across the country is diversifying and adding value
15 to the farm business through the introduction of new sectors including organic and
16 sustainable production; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the groundswell of consumer interest in Georgia-grown, organic products is
18 outpacing supply witnessed by a 20 percent increase in sales nationwide for 13 consecutive
19 years; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the number of farmer and grower's markets have increased with over 50 now
21 in operation around the state; and

1 WHEREAS, organic, sustainable agriculture represents the most positive way to expand
2 Georgia's agriculture business preserving the core values of the agricultural tradition and the
3 connection to the community and the land.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body recognize the economic potential for Georgia to expand its
6 contribution to the fastest growing sector in the food industry, and the opportunity to
7 preserve our rural landscape, natural resources, and long history of the agricultural tradition,
8 and commend the farmers who work tirelessly to provide sustainably grown nourishment to
9 Georgians and the value of Georgia-grown products to our economy and identity.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia Organics, the
12 Georgia Restaurant Association, and the Green Foodservice Alliance.