

House Resolution 1728

By: Representatives Lane of the 158th, Burns of the 157th, Barnard of the 166th, McCall of the 30th, and Morris of the 155th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending 2009 Vidalia Onion Grower of the Year Terry Gerrald; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Terry Gerrald has been growing delicious Vidalia onions since 1981 and
4 was one of the first farmers to bring the crop to Bulloch County, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, because Vidalia onions can only be grown in a certain type of soil, it takes a
6 skilled farmer with expertise to produce the high quality crops of Vidalias that Georgians and
7 Americans love; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Gerrald has been recognized as the 2009 Grower of the Year by the Vidalia
9 Onion Committee, an award which recognizes overall achievement and success as a Vidalia
10 onion producer with an emphasis on quality production with compliance of the marketing
11 order; and

12 WHEREAS, following in his father's footsteps, Mr. Gerrald operated the family farm with
13 his father, Roy Gerrald, until 1990, taking over the family business upon his father's passing;
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15 WHEREAS, an advocate for the perfectly pungent produce, Mr. Gerrald was one of the
16 determined group of growers that was instrumental in creating the legal definition of Vidalia
17 onion and identifying its appropriate growing region; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Gerrald has served as an active member of the Vidalia Onion Committee
19 for many years, and his work has helped protect the integrity of the Vidalia onion as a high
20 quality product; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Gerralld has won the respect and admiration of fellow onion growers though
22 his candor, dedication to the industry, good farming techniques, and his good moral
23 character, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that he be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend Mr. Terry Gerald for his decades of hard work perfecting
26 his crops of Vidalia onions and congratulate him upon the prestigious honor of being named
27 2009 Vidalia Onion Grower of the Year.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Terry Gerralld.