

Senate Resolution 1305

By: Senators Cowser of the 46th, Bulloch of the 11th and Hudgens of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Beverly Sparks; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Beverly Sparks has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for her
3 leadership in the field of agriculture and her deep concern for the well-being of others; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Sparks has diligently and conscientiously devoted her time, talents, and
5 energy to the agricultural community of this state for over 30 years; and
- 6 WHEREAS, her impressive academic record is exemplified by undergraduate and graduate
7 work at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, the University of Georgia, and Louisiana
8 State University; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she served with distinction as a Professor of Entomology at the University of
10 Georgia from 1989 to 1995 and her research on landscape pest control and management of
11 the Red Imported Fire Ant is recognized nationally; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Dr. Sparks provided educational support to faculty and their clientele in all 159
13 counties of Georgia as Extension Program Coordinator from 1996 to 2002; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the North and Northeast Extension Districts are poised to move forward in the
15 21st century largely because of her ability to attract, hire, train, and evaluate high quality
16 county-based extension faculty; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Dr. Sparks has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including
18 the D.W. Brooks Faculty Award for Extension and the Walter B. Hill Award for Public
19 Service and Outreach, the highest faculty awards of the University of Georgia College of
20 Agricultural and Environmental Sciences; and

21 WHEREAS, this distinguished professional was the first woman to serve as Associate Dean
22 for Extension and was recognized by *Georgia Trend Magazine* as one of Georgia's 40 Power
23 Women in 2010; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
25 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend the amazing career of Dr. Beverly Sparks and recognize the efficient, effective,
28 dedicated, and selfless service she has provided for the State of Georgia.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Beverly Sparks.