

House Resolution 476

By: Representatives Baker of the 78th, McCall of the 30th, England of the 108th, Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Neal of the 75th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. James Eugene "Gene" Sutherland, Sr., and inviting him to be recognized
2 by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. James Eugene "Gene" Sutherland, Sr., has long been recognized by the
4 citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Sutherland is the president and owner of Sutherland's Foodservice, Inc.,
7 which has been recognized as one of Atlanta's top 100 privately owned companies and stands
8 as the last independent broadline food service distributor in the Atlanta area; and

9 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
10 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
11 dramatically by his superlative service with the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Sutherland is a member of the board of directors of the Atlanta Produce
14 Dealer Association and is past chairman and a current member of the Georgia Agribusiness
15 Council; and

16 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental to the governing board of
17 Woodward Academy and Community Capital Bank, where he serves as vice chairman; and

18 WHEREAS, an expert in the agricultural field, Mr. Sutherland was instrumental in the
19 formation of AgriTrust of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Sutherland has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades,
21 including Southern Crescent Vision's Career Success Award in 2004 and the first Legend
22 Award from Woodward Academy in 2011; and

23 WHEREAS, a graduate of the Georgia Military Academy, Mr. Sutherland is united in love
24 and marriage to Joan Miller and has been blessed with four remarkable children, Bonnie,
25 Connie, Diana, and Gene, Jr.; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Mr. James Eugene "Gene" Sutherland, Sr., on his
30 numerous contributions to Georgia and invite him to be recognized by the House of
31 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of
32 Representatives.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. James Eugene "Gene"
35 Sutherland, Sr.