

House Resolution 487

By: Representatives Purcell of the 159th, Bryant of the 160th, and Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 14th annual Collard Green Festival in Port Wentworth,
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the annual Collard Green Festival is held at The Promised Land Farm in the
4 Monteith community of Port Wentworth, Georgia, to celebrate the delicious and truly
5 southern crop, the collard green; and

6 WHEREAS, held annually on the first Saturday in March, the Collard Green Festival is in
7 its 14th year and will be celebrated this year with a collard green giveaway, with free collards
8 given away to senior citizens and military families; and

9 WHEREAS, more than 1,200 people attended the 2010 Collard Green Festival and this year's
10 gathering is slated to be an even bigger success; and

11 WHEREAS, The Promised Land Farm is owned by Willie and Robert Johnson and was
12 purchased from the descendants of Roderick Steele, a Civil War slave credited as a hero in
13 the battles that took place around Monteith; and

14 WHEREAS, the farm is over 30 acres and grows regional fruits and vegetables year round;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, on September 11, 2010, the farm conducted a blessing of the greens to
17 acknowledge God's role in all things and to seek a special blessing on the year's crops, the
18 farming families, and all who benefit from the crops; and

19 WHEREAS, the annual Collard Green Festival provides wholesome family entertainment
20 while also giving back to local citizens and it is only fitting and proper that this event be
21 recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize the 14th annual Collard Green Festival as an amazing
24 community event and extend best wishes for a successful day to its organizers and attendees.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Willie Johnson and Robert
27 Johnson.