

House Resolution 683

By: Representatives Houston of the 170th, Rynders of the 152nd, and Powell of the 171st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Lauri Jo Bennett and Lauri Jo's Southern Style Canning;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lauri Jo Bennett attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, the
4 University of Georgia, and Brewton Parker College where she earned a bachelor's degree in
5 early childhood education, later adding a specialist's degree in reading and degrees in
6 secondary education and special education; and

7 WHEREAS, she has been united in love and marriage to her supportive husband, Mike, for
8 22 wonderful years and has been blessed with two remarkable children, Mikelyn and Hal;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, after dedicating 15 years to her family as a stay at home mom, Mrs. Bennett
11 embarked on a career in education in 2002, teaching middle school gifted English and later
12 life skills and music to severe and profound students at Colquitt County High School; and

13 WHEREAS, in August of 2009, Mrs. Bennett decided to turn her lifelong hobby of canning
14 into a business; and

15 WHEREAS, what started out as a small venture selling salsa, pepper jelly, and green pickle
16 tomatoes has grown into a thriving business with 17 product lines and a cookbook; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bennett's products have been recognized with numerous awards, including
18 her green pickled tomatoes which have been named Best of the National Gourmet Food
19 Show, her pineapple pepper jelly which has been voted People's Choice Award on Facebook,
20 her salsa which was a Flavor of Georgia finalist in 2010, and her blueberry pepper jelly
21 which was a Flavor of Georgia finalist in 2011; and

22 WHEREAS, she was chosen to serve as the keynote speaker at the 2010 Georgia Agritourism
23 Conference, has earned an Excellence in Innovation Award from Lieutenant Governor Casey
24 Cagle, and her products were chosen to feed Governor Sonny Perdue at the Sunbelt Ag Expo;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bennett opened Lauri Jo's Southern Style Canning in January, 2010, and
27 became a licensed co-packer facility in 2011; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend Mrs. Lauri Jo Bennett for her entrepreneurship and
32 determination to follow her dreams and recognize Lauri Jo's Southern Style Canning as an
33 outstanding representation of Georgia's thriving small business spirit.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Lauri Jo Bennett.