

Senate Resolution 835

By: Senators Bulloch of the 11th, Miller of the 49th, Goggans of the 7th, Jackson of the 2nd, Wilkinson of the 50th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending poultry farmers throughout the State of Georgia and recognizing their
2 significant contributions; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has over 3,700 family farms raising poultry, and the
4 average farm has four houses; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia now has 105 counties producing more than \$1 million of poultry each
6 year; and

7 WHEREAS, over two-thirds of the farms also have livestock, and many grow crops as well;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, these family farms have made poultry the largest segment of Georgia
10 agriculture; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia is the number one state in the nation in poultry production; and

12 WHEREAS, the per capita consumption of chicken has increased from 30 pounds in 1960,
13 and 60 pounds in 1990, to 85 pounds now and is continuing to rise; and

14 WHEREAS, the annual production from an average family farm could feed a delicious
15 chicken meal to 6.3 million people or feed more than 22,000 people for an entire year; and

16 WHEREAS, poultry farmers are good stewards of the land and water and protective of the
17 soil and waterways where they and their children and grandchildren live, swim, and fish; and

18 WHEREAS, many poultry farms are operated by second, third, and fourth generation poultry
19 farmers; and

20 WHEREAS, poultry farmers and their environmental initiatives have been recognized by an
21 Associations Advance America Award presented to the Georgia Poultry Federation and the
22 Pollution Prevention Award, from the Governor and the Department of Natural Resources,
23 presented to the University of Georgia Department of Poultry Science.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend the family poultry farmers throughout Georgia for their significant contributions
26 to the economy and environment of their areas, the state, and to consumers throughout the
27 nation and the world.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.