

House Resolution 1417

By: Representatives McCall of the 30th, Dickey of the 136th, Benton of the 31st, Roberts of the 154th, Baker of the 78th, 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend the family poultry farmers throughout Georgia for their
26 significant contributions to the economy and environment of their areas, the state, and to
27 consumers throughout the nation and the world.

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