

Senate Resolution 991

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Carter of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 15th 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 15th year and will be celebrated this year with a collard green giveaway, with free collards
8 given away to senior citizens, the disabled, and military families, and a parade; and

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

11 WHEREAS, the farm is 33 acres and grows regional fruits and vegetables year round; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Robert Johnson served with the United States Army as a helicopter flight
16 engineer for 21 years and three months until he retired in 1987 and eventually bought six
17 acres of empty land in 1997 with his brother, Willie Johnson, and cousin and filled the land
18 with collard greens; 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 SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize the 15th annual Collard Green Festival as an amazing community event and extend
24 best wishes for a successful day to its organizers and attendees.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Willie Johnson and Robert Johnson.