

House Resolution 423

By: Representative Harden of the 148th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Charles Morris "Buddy" Leger; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Morris "Buddy" Leger has long been recognized by the citizens of
3 this state for the vital role that he has played as a leader in Georgia agriculture and his deep
4 personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Leger is united in love and marriage to Marjorie Bachelor Leger, and is
6 blessed with five children, Susan, Charles, Maria, Sherrie, and Greg; and

7 WHEREAS, a man of strong faith, he serves as a deacon at Hatley Baptist Church; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Leger has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
9 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community of Cordele and the State
10 of Georgia as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as president of the Georgia
11 Pecan Growers Association, president of the Pecan Distributing Association, and as president
12 and chairman of the board of the Georgia Watermelon Association and National Watermelon
13 Association; and

14 WHEREAS, in the late 1970s, Mr. Leger recognized the need for watermelon producers and
15 shippers to come together in a unified front to support watermelon promotion and research;
16 he led efforts to bring the industry together and provided leadership as president of the
17 National Watermelon Research and Promotion Board; and

18 WHEREAS, when he felt the need for Georgia pecan growers to pull together and create an
19 industry self-help program, he proposed the concept of the Georgia Commodity Commission
20 for Pecans, which works toward education, promotion, and research; the commission was
21 created in 1995 and Mr. Leger provided critical leadership for the program for more than a
22 decade; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Leger was appointed to the Governor's Agricultural Advisory Committee
24 by Governor Sonny Perdue, where he served as the Chairman of the Subcommittee for
25 Education through Governor Perdue's two terms; and

26 WHEREAS, on June 28, 2008, the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce named Mr. Leger
27 Man of the Year and honored him as Grand Marshal of the Annual Watermelon Parade; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Leger was the recipient of the 2006 University of Georgia College of
29 Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES) Medallion of Honor Award, and on
30 September 14, 2012, Mr. Leger was inducted into the CAES Agricultural Hall of Fame; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this
32 remarkable and distinguished Georgian are appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Mr. Leger for his dedication, service, and personal
35 sacrifice to Georgia's agriculture and recognize him for his strong convictions, staunch
36 character, and agricultural knowledge.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Charles Morris "Buddy"
39 Leger.