

## Senate Resolution 849

By: Senators Cowser of the 46th, Wilkinson of the 50th, McKoon of the 29th and Tolleson of the 20th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the University of Georgia Extension on the 100th anniversary of the signing  
2 of the Smith-Lever Act; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, 2014 marks the centennial year of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act, which  
4 established the Cooperative Extension Service, a state-by-state national network of educators  
5 operating through land-grant universities in partnership with federal, state, and local  
6 governments; and

7 WHEREAS, United States Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia and United States Representative  
8 A. F. Lever of South Carolina authored the Smith-Lever Act to expand the "vocational,  
9 agricultural, and home demonstration programs in rural America" by bringing the research  
10 based knowledge of land-grant universities to people where they live and work; and

11 WHEREAS, known in the State of Georgia as the University of Georgia Extension, it grew  
12 over the years to cover economic, agricultural, environmental, and health issues and  
13 organized 4-H clubs in communities throughout this state; and

14 WHEREAS, Extension has offered vital services to this state's farms, families, youth, and  
15 communities by providing local connections to science and research, empowering volunteers,  
16 creating new leaders, supporting farmers, businesses, and organizations with advice on  
17 critical natural resource and agricultural issues, and supporting economic, community,  
18 family, and youth development throughout this state; and

19 WHEREAS, over the years, Extension has made its services available to all and has touched  
20 the lives of thousands of Georgia residents, improving their quality of life by extending  
21 unbiased, research based education; and

22 WHEREAS, Extension looks forward to the next century of helping foster a thriving state  
23 that supports sustainable, safe, and nutritious lifestyles and livelihoods, economic success in

24 the global economy, a productive, well-stewarded environment, and solutions to complex  
25 problems that exist today and in the future.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 congratulate the University of Georgia Extension on the 100th anniversary of the signing of  
28 the Smith-Lever Act and express their gratitude to Extension for providing leadership and  
29 innovation through research, education, community resource development, and other  
30 services.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the University of Georgia Extension.