House Resolution 1306
By: Representatives Williams of the 119th, Quick of the 117th, Holmes of the 129th, Jasperse of the 11th, Smith of the 134th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1. Congratulating the University of Georgia Extension on the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act and inviting them to be recognized by the House of Representatives;
2. and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

7. WHEREAS, over the years, Extension has made its services available to all and has touched the lives of thousands of Georgia residents, improving their quality of life by extending unbiased, research based education; and
WHEREAS, Extension looks forward to the next century of helping foster a thriving state that supports sustainable, safe, and nutritious lifestyles and livelihoods, economic success in the global economy, a productive, well-steward environment, and solutions to complex problems that exist today and in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body congratulate the University of Georgia Extension on the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act and express their gratitude to Extension for providing leadership and innovation through research, education, community resource development, and invite them to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the University of Georgia Extension.