

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
2 of the Smith-Lever Act and inviting them to be recognized by the House of Representatives;
3 and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, Extension looks forward to the next century of helping foster a thriving state
24 that supports sustainable, safe, and nutritious lifestyles and livelihoods, economic success in
25 the global economy, a productive, well-stewarded environment, and solutions to complex
26 problems that exist today and in the future.

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

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