

House Resolution 1890

By: Representatives Williams of the 119th, Frye of the 118th, Quick of the 117th, Jasperse of the 11th, and Smith of the 134th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Beverly Sparks; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Beverly Sparks, a Georgia native and respected entomologist, became the
3 associate dean for extension of the University of Georgia (UGA) College of Agricultural and
4 Environmental Sciences in 2007; and
- 5 WHEREAS, UGA Extension is the outreach arm of the UGA Colleges of Agricultural and
6 Environmental Sciences and Family and Consumer Sciences, and for more than a century,
7 it has helped Georgians solve problems related to agriculture, the environment, economic
8 development, families, and children; and
- 9 WHEREAS, UGA Extension also administers the Georgia 4-H program, which provides
10 education and life skills training for more than 183,000 Georgia youths in grades five
11 through 12; and
- 12 WHEREAS, with offices across the state, UGA Extension addresses the needs of Georgians,
13 from controlling invasive species like fire ants, kudzu, and pigweed, to land-use planning and
14 helping farmers, producers, and agriculture industry partners develop new technology and
15 use the most up-to-date environmental practices; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Dr. Sparks leads the organization as they carry out this mission, and her strong
17 leadership and stellar reputation earned her a place as one of Georgia Trend's 2010 Power
18 Women of Georgia; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a native of Tifton, Georgia, Dr. Sparks comes from a family of scientists, as
20 both her father and brother also work for UGA as entomologists; and

21 WHEREAS, she was trained at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, the University of
22 Georgia, and Louisiana State University, where she received her Ph.D; and

23 WHEREAS, before coming to Georgia as an assistant professor, Dr. Sparks worked at Texas
24 A&M University as an urban entomologist; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
26 remarkable Georgian be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Beverly Sparks for her dedication and
29 commitment to the State of Georgia and express to her their most sincere best wishes for
30 continued success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Beverly Sparks.