

House Resolution 603

By: Representatives Harden of the 148th, McCall of the 33rd, Epps of the 144th, Dickey of the 140th, Jasperse of the 11th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Christopher and Ginger Martin upon being honored with the 2015 National
2 Outstanding Young Farmer award and inviting them, their two children, Grantson and
3 Wellsley, and Mark Freeman to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, Christopher Martin was raised in a farming family in Pulaski County, Georgia,
6 and he began working in agriculture part time at Martin Brothers Farms while in high school;
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8 WHEREAS, he earned his associate's degree in agribusiness at Abraham Baldwin
9 Agricultural College and his bachelor's degree in business management from Georgia
10 College and State University; and

11 WHEREAS, Christopher Martin founded a successful agri-consulting business which served
12 13,000 acres across nine counties, but despite the success of his consulting firm, his dream
13 was to be a farmer; and

14 WHEREAS, in his first year, he farmed 535 acres of cotton and peanuts and 20 acres of
15 watermelons, and he now farms over 3,000 acres of cotton, peanuts, wheat, rye, and corn;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, he was named 2004 Soil Conservationist of the Year, and in 2009, he was one
18 of four Georgia farmers selected for the Georgia Peanut Commission's Peanut Leadership
19 Academy; and

20 WHEREAS, Christopher Martin is one of 20 farmers nationwide currently participating in
21 a five-year soil quality study, and he is a board member and primary stockholder in the Heart
22 of Georgia Peanut and Gin; and

23 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Ginger, are members of the Chamber of Commerce, Pulaski
24 County Farm Bureau, county recreation department, athletic booster club, Relay for Life, St.
25 Luke's Episcopal Church, and the Parent Teacher Organization; they also founded a private
26 learning and child care program for preschoolers; and

27 WHEREAS, Christopher and Ginger Martin were recently honored with the 2015 National
28 Outstanding Young Farmer award, and they are the first Georgians to receive this award in
29 the 60 year history of the program; and

30 WHEREAS, Christopher and Ginger Martin are blessed with two amazing children,
31 Grantson and Wellsley; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding couple receive the
33 recognition of this body.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body commend Christopher and Ginger Martin, congratulate them upon
36 being honored with the 2015 National Outstanding Young Farmer award, and invite them,
37 their children, Grantson and Wellsley, and Mark Freeman to be recognized by the House of
38 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of
39 Representatives.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
42 Christopher and Ginger Martin.