

Senate Resolution 902

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Harper of the 7th, Black of the 8th and Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Gerald Long, the president of Georgia Farm Bureau; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Gerald Long of Bainbridge, Georgia, is the new president of Georgia Farm
4 Bureau (GFB), the state's largest general agriculture organization, succeeding Zippy Duvall
5 who was elected president of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Long was first elected to the Georgia Farm Bureau Board of Directors in
7 1999 as a GFB 9th district director, representing 14 counties in southwest Georgia, and has
8 served as GFB 1st vice president since 2008; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Long became a member of Georgia Farm Bureau in 1970, currently serves
10 on the Decatur County Farm Bureau Board of Directors as secretary and treasurer, and is a
11 past president and vice president of the Decatur County Farm Bureau; and

12 WHEREAS, he is also a member of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association, serves on the board
13 of the Decatur County Cattlemen's Association, and represents GFB on the Georgia Beef
14 Board and serves as treasurer of the board; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Long was a founding board member of the Georgia Peanut Producers, the
16 Georgia Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association, and the Flint River Water Planning Policy
17 Center, and serves on the Decatur County Industrial Development Authority; and

18 WHEREAS, after attending Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College where he majored in
19 crop and animal science, he served six months of active duty in the Georgia Army National
20 Guard and six years of reserve duty; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Long is a diversified farmer who raises cattle and grows peanuts,
22 vegetables, cotton, hay, small grains, and timber with his family on their farm near
23 Bainbridge, Georgia.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize and commend Mr. Gerald Long for his many accomplishments and wish him
26 success during his tenure as president of Georgia Farm Bureau.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Gerald Long.