

## House Resolution 1315

By: Representative Williamson of the 115<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the contributions of Thomas Richard Breedlove, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourned the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Thomas Richard Breedlove, Sr., on June 8, 1969; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was a member of the first graduating class of the Fifth District Agricultural  
5 and Mechanical School in Monroe, Georgia, in 1909; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he assumed the operation of Breedlove Dairy in Monroe, Georgia, from his  
7 father in the 1920s, and led the operation to become an industry leader in Georgia and the  
8 southeastern United States; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in the late 1940s, he started a 1,000 acre commercial beef cattle operation in  
10 Morgan County and a section of Walton County, and he is one of seven men who invested  
11 \$1 each in 1936 to form the Walton Electric Membership Corporation, where he served as  
12 the first Board President from 1936 to 1938; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mr. Breedlove was elected founding Vice President of United Georgia Farmers,  
14 an organization known today as the Georgia Farm Bureau, at a meeting of 50 "dirt farmers"  
15 on July 31, 1937, in Atlanta, and in 1942, he was elected President of the Athens Production  
16 Credit Association; and
- 17 WHEREAS, United States Senator Richard B. Russell appointed Mr. Breedlove the first  
18 State Executive Director for the Georgia office of the USDA Agriculture Adjustment  
19 Administration, known today as the USDA Farm Service Agency, where he served from  
20 1939 to 1955, and remains the longest-serving State Executive Director of that office in  
21 Georgia history; and

22 WHEREAS, in the early 1950s, he was named Southeast Regional Director of the Field  
23 Service Branch of the Federal Production and Marketing Association based in Washington,  
24 D.C., and covered nine southeastern states: Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama,  
25 Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Breedlove was posthumously inducted into the Georgia Agricultural Hall  
27 of Fame at the University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences on  
28 September 25, 2015, and into the Walton County Hall of Fame at the Walton Chamber of  
29 Commerce annual dinner on January 28, 2015; and

30 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Mattie, for 54 years and was  
31 blessed with eight remarkable children, Tom, Jr., Elizabeth, Jake, Hassie, Ella, Sara, Press,  
32 and Luke; and

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body recognize Thomas Richard Breedlove, Sr., for his contributions to  
37 the State of Georgia.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
40 family of Thomas Richard Breedlove, Sr.