

House Resolution 1537

By: Representatives Tankersley of the 160th, Burns of the 159th, and Parrish of the 158th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Waters family, Bulloch County's 2015 Conservationist of
2 the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Waters Farm is a family partnership between Mike and his mother, Marie, and
4 farming has been the primary occupation for the Waters family for four generations; and

5 WHEREAS, the majority of their farming operation is located around the crossroads of
6 Harville Road and Highway 46 in the Nevils community; and

7 WHEREAS, Mike Waters started his farming career with his uncle Vernon Waters while he
8 was in high school and continued while attending Georgia Southern; and

9 WHEREAS, after his uncle's passing, Mike and his father, Thomas, partnered to continue the
10 farming operation and established Waters Farm, and in 1998, after his father's passing, his
11 mother, Marie, joined the partnership; and

12 WHEREAS, the Waters family currently farms approximately 1,200 acres of cotton, peanuts,
13 and soybeans, maintains 100 acres of pasture for its beef cattle operation, and owns and
14 manages 250 acres of pine trees that were planted about 20 years ago on highly erodible land;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Mike's management practice has always been focused on improving the land,
17 water quality, and wildlife habitat, as evidenced by the enrollment of some of their cropland
18 in the Bobwhite Quail Initiative; and

19 WHEREAS, in November, the Waters family was selected as the 2015 Farm Family of the
20 Year by the Statesboro-Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee; and

21 WHEREAS, the Waters family is very involved in the community and are active members
22 of Trinity Baptist Church, where Marie serves as treasurer and sings in the choir.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend the Waters family, Bulloch County's 2015
25 Conservationist of the Year.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 Waters family.