

House Resolution 293

By: Representatives Watson of the 172nd, McCall of the 33rd, England of the 116th, Burns of the 159th, and Shaw of the 176th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Georgia Department of Agriculture for their 100th anniversary of *The Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin*; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the first issue of *The Market Bulletin* was published by the Georgia Department of Agriculture under the leadership of Commissioner J.J. Brown on March 1, 1917; and
- 5 WHEREAS, *The Market Bulletin* was first conceptualized in the 1910's by Mr. J.R. Lowe, a field employee of the Department of Agriculture, during the administration of Commissioner J.D. Price, to help fill "the need of a medium of exchange for the farm products of our state"; and
- 9 WHEREAS, throughout the 100 years of publication, *The Market Bulletin* has taken on many different forms, ranging from a simple 10x12 almanac to a 36-page newspaper during the administration of Agriculture Commissioner Eugene Talmadge; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the publication has covered some of the most timely issues affecting Georgia agriculture over the past 100 years, offered a vital medium of exchange to farmers and consumers through its classified advertisements, informed consumers of the monthly sales and events promoting Georgia Grown goods around the state, and provided recipes and gardening advice to gain interest from many of the non-farmer subscribers; and
- 17 WHEREAS, *The Market Bulletin's* current editor, Mrs. Amy Carter, has faithfully continued the bulletin's tradition of service and excellence; and
- 19 WHEREAS, *The Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin* remains a source of agricultural and Georgia news for more than 40,000 paid subscribers and continues to be recognized as an invaluable aid to the farming community here in Georgia.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend the Georgia Department of Agriculture for its long and
24 outstanding work on *The Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin* and wish the department
25 continued success with future publications.

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 public and the press.