

Senate Resolution 720

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th, Heath of the 31st, Sims of the 12th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia's agriculture industry and recognizing January, 2018, as Agriculture
2 Census Month in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, agriculture is Georgia's number one industry, responsible for \$13.75 billion in
4 cash receipts; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia has one of America's most vital and diversified farm economies and
6 historically leads the nation in production of broilers, peanuts, and pecans, in addition to
7 ranking consistently as a major producer of cotton, eggs, peaches, blueberries, fresh
8 vegetables, and watermelons, and it is widely renowned as the home of the world famous
9 Vidalia onion; and

10 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Census of Agriculture is to obtain general information
11 regarding agriculture to help plan and conduct better programs for farmers and agribusiness
12 owners. The Census is the only national report that provides detailed farm information for
13 each county as well as the state and the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, it is vital to the well-being of our farmers and other agricultural interests that
15 information be collected and compiled on a variety of farm related activities to help the
16 industry make vital marketing decisions; and

17 WHEREAS, this year marks the twentieth anniversary of the first Census of Agriculture
18 conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
20 extraordinary industry be appropriately recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 commend Georgia's agriculture industry for its vitality, productivity, and excellence and

23 recognize January, 2018, as Agriculture Census Month at the state capitol and encourage
24 participation to ensure continuation and enhancement of this vital industry.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
27 press.