

Senate Resolution 801

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Jones of the 25th, Dugan of the 30th, Ginn of the 47th, Strickland of the 17th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Jerry Cooper on his outstanding service with the Georgia
2 FFA-FCCLA Center; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Jerry Cooper has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
4 role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the
5 citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service with the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center for 55 years;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Jerry began working at the FFA-FHA Camp at 11 years of age, primarily
11 helping in the kitchen; over his distinguished record of service, Jerry rose to be an assistant
12 to the maintenance director, kitchen manager, and finally, in the late 2000s, farm manager;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Jerry was awarded Honorary Membership in Georgia FCCLA, and in 2018, he
15 was awarded the Honorary State FFA Degree at the 90th FFA State Convention; and

16 WHEREAS, Jerry and his wife, Lanette, served as foster parents for 42 years, caring for 150
17 children and adopting ten children; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2017, Jerry and Lanette were recognized by Governor Deal as Foster Parents
19 of the Year in Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
21 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize and commend Jerry Cooper for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
26 service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement;
27 and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Jerry Cooper.