

## House Resolution 897

By: Representatives Meeks of the 178<sup>th</sup>, O'Steen of the 169<sup>th</sup>, Dickey of the 134<sup>th</sup>, Mathis of the 133<sup>rd</sup>, Hagan of the 156<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ralph Evans upon his induction into the Georgia Agricultural  
2 Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ralph Evans 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 R.W. Griffin Feed, Seed, and Fertilizer; and

9 WHEREAS, R.W. Griffin Feed, Seed, and Fertilizer was founded by Ralph's grandfather in  
10 1922; and

11 WHEREAS, since taking over the business in 1977, he has expanded it from a single location  
12 with 25 employees to a conglomerate of 42 companies with over 500 employees; and

13 WHEREAS, under his guidance, R.W. Griffin Feed, Seed, and Fertilizer has adapted to the  
14 needs of Georgia's farmers, emphasizing the principal of service, integrity, and mutually  
15 beneficial partnerships; and

16 WHEREAS, Ralph's influence in the industry was felt early in his career when he was invited  
17 to join the board of the crop protection cooperative buying group, Chem Nut, Inc., in 1983;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and  
20 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have  
21 earned him a place in the Georgia Agricultural Hall of Fame; and

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

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Ralph Evans for his efficient, effective,  
28 unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon being  
29 inducted into the Georgia Agricultural Hall of Fame; and extend the most sincere best wishes  
30 for continued health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ralph  
33 Evans.