

House Resolution 1022

By: Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, O’Steen of the 169th, Hagan of the 156th, Dickey of the 134th, and Mathis of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the 2025-2026 4-H leadership teams and award recipients and recognizing
2 February 26, 2026, as 4-H day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, 4-H members consistently demonstrate the ability and leadership necessary to
4 be champions and serve as outstanding representatives and officers of the young people of
5 Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert Thomas of Putnam County serves with distinction and dedication as
7 State 4-H President; and

8 WHEREAS, Melanie Biersmith of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension has
9 worked diligently as State 4-H Leader/ Director of 4-H; and

10 WHEREAS, the leadership, dedication, and hard work of Michah Newton of Pickens
11 County, Savannah Radloff of Heard County, Leo Barak of Glynn County, and Javis Bennett
12 of Dooly County as District Presidents have been acknowledged by the 4-H membership in
13 their election of each of these young people to serve as president for 2025-2026; and

14 WHEREAS, the excellent record of accomplishments in citizenship and leadership of
15 Esteban Contreras of Pulaski County, Kaleb Green of Dooly County, Gregory Huston of
16 Toombs County, Naomi Jackson of Bibb County, Ash Sonnier of Columbia County, and
17 Carolyn Thomas of Putnam County led to their selection as delegates for the 2025 National
18 4-H Conference; and

19 WHEREAS, Leila Rimes of Tift County and Addy Winchester of Pulaski County were
20 named 2025 Leadership in Action winners; and

21 WHEREAS, Liam Maline of Glynn County, Micah Newton of Pickens County, Kaleb Green
22 of Dooly County, Kingston Ryals of Toombs County, Presley Douglas of Candler County,
23 and Ash Sonnier of Columbia County were named state winners in the 2025 Deans Awards
24 competition; and

25 WHEREAS, Thomas Holt, Nandini Patel, Landon Sinyard, and Ruby Witt of Ben Hill
26 County were named the 2025 National Winners of the National Consumer Decision Making
27 Contest; and

28 WHEREAS, Catie Malcome, Haley Schaefer, Catherine Smith, and Evan Tennant of Morgan
29 County were named the 2025 National Winners of the National Recurve Archery
30 Competition; and

31 WHEREAS, Bethany Shirley of Walton County was named the 2025 National High
32 Individual of the National Air Rifle Competition; and

33 WHEREAS, Sonya Jones of Pulaski County was named the 2025 William H. Booth Award
34 Honoree; and

35 WHEREAS, Lauren Clark of Screven County received the 2025 Ryles Rising Star Award;
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37 WHEREAS, Clinton Folsom of Cook County was named the 2025 Volunteer of the Year;
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39 WHEREAS, Mark Braddy of Jefferson County received the 2025 Outstanding Lifetime
40 Volunteer Award.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body commend Robert Thomas, State 4-H President; Melanie Biersmith,
43 State 4-H Leader and Director of 4-H; and the 2025-2026 4-H District Presidents, 2025
44 National 4-H Conference Delegates, 2025 Leadership in Action winners, 2025 Deans Award
45 winners, 2025 William H. Booth Award honoree, 2025 Ryles Rising Star Award recipient,
46 2025 Volunteer of the Year, and 2025 Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award recipient for
47 their numerous accomplishments as well as recognize February 26, 2026, as 4-H day at the
48 state capitol.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
50 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
51 public and the press.