

House Resolution 1065

By: Representatives Yearata of the 152nd, Greene of the 151st, Pirkle of the 155th, McCall of the 33rd, and Corbett of the 174th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Sam X White, the Southern Sky Center for Diverse Arts and Culture and its
2 Village Community Garden of Sylvester, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, co-founded by Sam X White, the Southern Sky Center for Diverse Arts and
4 Culture has a long and consistent record of service to the community and this state, has been
5 recognized as one of the most dynamic and committed civic organizations in Georgia, and
6 has a reputation as a multidisciplinary arts, education, and advocacy project dedicated to the
7 celebration of the Southern experience and diverse cultures; and

8 WHEREAS, this outstanding organization has had a tremendous impact on its community
9 through its spirit of service and desire to improve the quality of life through programs such
10 as the Village Community Garden; and

11 WHEREAS, the Village Community Garden was created in an effort to convey the
12 importance of land ownership, food, and environmental sustainability to the youth of
13 Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. White leads the activities in the Village Community Garden as an artist by
15 trade who has become connected to the agricultural field; and

16 WHEREAS, the Village Community Garden has welcomed over 2,000 local, national, and
17 international visitors, becoming a model for other communities to replicate to provide food
18 for the needy while preventing food waste; and

19 WHEREAS, this community garden project is home to aeroponic growing tower technology,
20 organic fruits, flowers, herbs, vegetables, and beekeeping; and

21 WHEREAS, during Spring 2020, the Village Community Garden will partner with the Worth
22 County High School College and Career Academy and Worth County Middle School until
23 every grade visits the project, including approximately 4,354 students; and

24 WHEREAS, the Village Community Garden has become an excellent gathering place for
25 children, youth, and community members to work; learn together; engage in productive,
26 empowering horticulture activities like gardening and landscaping; and learn about land
27 cultivation and farming practices in a fun and entertaining way; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 extraordinary organization and its co-founder, Sam X White, be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend Sam X White, the Southern Sky Center for Diverse Arts
32 and Culture, and its Village Community Garden for their many valuable contributions on
33 behalf of the citizens of Georgia and extend best wishes for the future.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Sam
36 X White.