

House Resolution 1422

By: Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Persinger of the 119th, and Efstation of the 104th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Terry Hollifield for his 53 years of outstanding service as
2 executive director of the Georgia Crop Improvement Association, where he retired on
3 December 31, 2023; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Terry Hollifield started his career in 1970 as a seed certification specialist and
5 remarkably has been with the same organization his entire career, where he has developed
6 a reputation as an innovator, starting multiple programs and initiatives at Georgia Crop
7 Improvement Association; and

8 WHEREAS, such programs include the International Turfgrass Genetic Assurance Program,
9 the organic certification program, food safety services, turfgrass certification, and Quality
10 Assurance and Identity Preserved programs; and

11 WHEREAS, Terry's efforts had a substantial impact on the Georgia Urban Agriculture
12 Council and its work to promote new turfgrass cultivars, as well as the benefit of the
13 turfgrass certification program that enhanced the integrity of plant genetics and purity; and

14 WHEREAS, Terry also dedicated his time and expertise to serve the larger agriculture
15 industry in areas outside of the seed arena; and

16 WHEREAS, Terry served on the boards of the Georgia Sod Producers Association, the
17 Georgia Agribusiness Council, and the Georgia/Florida Soybean Association and as
18 president of the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA); and

19 WHEREAS, Terry is very well known and respected in Georgia as well as by his peers
20 across the country; and

21 WHEREAS, Terry is highly respected in his local community, where he served on the
22 Barrow County Planning Commission, the Barrow County Board of Commissioners, the
23 Barrow County Water Authority, and the Barrow County Farm Bureau, as he is constantly
24 seeking ways to encourage and help those around him; and

25 WHEREAS, Terry and his wife, Kay, reside in Winder, where in his retirement he continues
26 to help others and lead by example; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend Terry Hollifield and thank him for his
31 service to agriculture.

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