

## House Resolution 1058

By: Representatives Moore of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Thomas of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, Dukes of the 154<sup>th</sup>, and Thomas of the 39<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Kendall Rae Johnson as the youngest certified farmer in Georgia and  
2 recognizing March 23, 2022, as Kendall Rae Johnson Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, at age six, Atlanta native Kendall Rae Johnson is Georgia's youngest certified  
4 farmer; and

5 WHEREAS, she was inspired to begin gardening by the teachings of her great grandmother,  
6 Laura "Kate" Williams; and when she was just four years old, her parents built a large garden  
7 bed for Kendall to plant her favorite seeds; and

8 WHEREAS, from there, her passion for gardening grew and, in the process, she became an  
9 advocate and spokesperson for Georgia's youth; and

10 WHEREAS, Kendall joined State Representative Mandisha Thomas for a press release that  
11 encouraged support of the young farmers programs for kindergarten and high school students  
12 in the city of South Fulton, Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, for her work, this influential Georgian has been in the media spotlight, receiving  
14 press coverage from such shows as *Good Morning America*, *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*,

15 *ABC News with David Muir, Nightly News with Lester Holt: Kids Edition, CNN, and The*  
16 *Morning Culture with Big Tigger* on V-103, as well as print media, including *The Lily* of  
17 *Washington Post* and *USA Today*, and many local Atlanta media outlets; and

18 WHEREAS, she holds proclamations from the City of South Fulton and the Fulton County  
19 Commissioner Board; and she has partnered with the Fort Valley State University  
20 Cooperative Extension 4-H to create the first youth development program in urban  
21 agriculture with the 1890 Land-Grant Institutions Programs; and

22 WHEREAS, Kendall services 26 monthly memberships for food baskets from her own  
23 garden, hosts kids' marketplace events, and inspires other young people through literary  
24 engagements about her incredible farm; and

25 WHEREAS, Kendall recently received a \$10,000 donation from Honey Bunches of Oats  
26 presented by *Good Morning America* to help her continue harvesting crops from her winter  
27 garden, without interruption or product loss; and

28 WHEREAS, she is currently raising funds, with a goal of \$30,000, for an outdoor kids'  
29 agricultural science learning space; funds will support the building structure costs and  
30 permits and help with daily operations by funding curricula, kids' gardening tools, permits,  
31 soil, and equipment; and

32 WHEREAS, leaders in agriculture, agricultural business, and agricultural education are  
33 invaluable to the members of the Georgia General Assembly, and Kendall has already  
34 established a glowing reputation for her unparalleled contributions and guidance in those  
35 areas; and

36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
37 remarkable and distinguished young Georgian be properly recognized.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
39 the members of this body commend Kendall Rae Johnson as the youngest certified farmer  
40 in Georgia; recognize March 23, 2022, as Kendall Rae Johnson Day; and extend best wishes  
41 for happiness and success in her future.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
44 Kendall Rae Johnson.