

## House Resolution 1397

By: Representatives Dickey of the 145<sup>th</sup>, Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Meeks of the 178<sup>th</sup>, Pirkle of the 169<sup>th</sup>, Campbell of the 171<sup>st</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Bruce Redmond, Effingham County's 2024 Georgia Farmer of the Year; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bruce Redmond followed in his father's footsteps, working side-by-side with  
4 him until his death in 2018, and assumed full ownership of Shiloh Farms in Effingham  
5 County, combining his operations with this family's holdings; and

6 WHEREAS, he has been a leader in incorporating conservation farming practices focused  
7 on improving the sustainability of his enterprise, minimizing environmental impact, and  
8 increasing the efficiency of purchased inputs, including crop scouting, grid sampling,  
9 converting to low-pressure irrigation tips, and incorporating bahia grass in his peanut  
10 rotation; and

11 WHEREAS, Shiloh Farms has become the largest producer of certified bahia grass seed in  
12 the Southeast, and this certified Tifton 9 bahia grass seed was cooperatively bred by the UGA  
13 Coastal Plain Experiment Station and the USDA Research Service; and

14 WHEREAS, off the farm, he has served on his local USDA Farm Service Agency for seven  
15 years and has been honored as the 2023 Effingham County Friend of 4-H, 2022 Georgia

16 Outstanding Young Farmer by the Georgia Association of County Agricultural Agents, and  
17 the 2021 Conservationist of the Year by the Ogeechee River Soil and Water Conservation  
18 District; and

19 WHEREAS, he is dedicated to his community; quick to help neighboring farmers,  
20 employees, and anyone else who asks; and has been active in working with his local  
21 extension agent as a site for crop variety and fertility trials and as a site for research on soil  
22 moisture sensors; and

23 WHEREAS, this remarkable Georgian farmer exemplifies what it means to be a  
24 farmer—tenacious, proactive, resourceful, efficient, and above all else, caring; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
26 extraordinary Georgian farmer be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend Bruce Redmond, Effingham County's 2024 Georgia  
29 Farmer of the Year, and extend best wishes for continued success.

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