

House Resolution 531

By: Representatives McCall of the 33rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Harden of the 148th, Knight of the 130th, Mathiak of the 73rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the great work of Dr. Michael Doyle and congratulating him upon the grand
2 occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) named Michael Doyle, University
4 of Georgia Regent's Professor of Food Microbiology and director of UGA's Center for Food
5 Safety in Griffin, Georgia, to the 2013 class of NAI Fellows; and

6 WHEREAS, as director of UGA's Center for Food Safety, Dr. Doyle works closely with the
7 food industry, government agencies, and consumer groups on issues related to the
8 microbiological safety of foods; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Doyle is a holder of six United States patents; and

10 WHEREAS, he is the lead inventor of multiple technologies in the area of food safety; his
11 patented inventions include the use of probiotic bacteria to control E. coli infection in cattle
12 and addressing Listeria contamination of food processing facilities and Salmonella and
13 Campylobacter outbreaks in poultry and poultry products; and

14 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that foodborne
15 pathogens cause more than 48 million illnesses every year in the United States alone,
16 hospitalizing approximately 128,000 people and killing more than 3,000 people; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Doyle's research group, which includes UGA research coordinator Tong
18 Zhao, developed a food wash technology that is currently in the market and that significantly
19 reduces the risk of contamination by harmful microbes; this technology is the culmination
20 of more than a decade of research at UGA developing food safety interventions for the
21 consumer and food industries; and

22 WHEREAS, his patent-pending wash kills pathogens faster and more effectively in foods
23 than currently available wash products.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize the great work of Dr. Michael Doyle and his numerous
26 contributions to food safety and congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
29 Michael Doyle.