

House Resolution 704

By: Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, England of the 116th, McCall of the 33rd, Watson of the 172nd, Carter of the 175th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Big Bend Agri-Services for its expansion into international markets; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Big Bend Agri-Services was awarded a Georgia Launching Opportunities By
4 Exporting (GLOBE) Award for entering one or more new international markets in 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, international trade is a vital component of economic development for small
6 businesses in Georgia, and 88 percent of companies that utilized Georgia's international trade
7 services had fewer than 100 employees; and

8 WHEREAS, the GLOBE Awards provide an opportunity to recognize Georgia's small
9 businesses that have entered into a new market in the last year, and the awards represent the
10 high caliber, highly competitive companies that operate in Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, the company was founded in 1979 by Robert Sellers and Monty Ferrell, and
12 originally, the company's primary business was grain handlers, but the company also sold
13 liquid fertilizers; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2014, the Grady County business began selling liquid fertilizers to dealers
15 in Brazil, Colombia, and South Korea after company president, Monty Ferrell, participated
16 in a state-sponsored trade mission to Colombia; and

17 WHEREAS, the bulk of the overseas business is foliar fertilizers for golf courses in South
18 Korea and roses in Colombia, products for tung oil tree production in Brazil, and liquid
19 fertilizers to dealers in Puerto Rico; and

20 WHEREAS, dealers of Big Bend Agri-Services service the needs of nurseries, farmers, and
21 golf courses not only in the United States, but also internationally.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend Big Bend Agri-Services for its expansion into
24 international markets and congratulate it on earning a Georgia Launching Opportunities By
25 Expansion Award.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Big
28 Bend Agri-Services.