

## Senate Resolution 752

By: Senators Watson of the 11th, Dixon of the 45th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th and Walker III of the 20th

## 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
30 recognize and commend Terry Hollifield and thank him for his service to agriculture.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Terry Hollifield.