

House Resolution 1341

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, and Davis of the 87th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Noreen S Whitehead; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Noreen S Whitehead has served as the Director for the Georgia Women In
3 Agriculture Association, a chapter of the National Women In Agriculture Association for the
4 past decade; and

5 WHEREAS, she has demonstrated exceptional leadership, particularly as the state
6 chairwoman for the past ten years, fostering the growth and empowerment of women in
7 agriculture throughout the State of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, her visionary leadership has facilitated the participation of women in agriculture
9 at professional development training, mobilization to different regions, and interaction with
10 government officials and agencies, all with the noble mission of cultivating Georgia's
11 women's workforce, ownership in agriculture, and youth involvement; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2017, she initiated the Agriteens program, dedicated to bridging the gap
13 between youth and access and production of fresh fruits and vegetables, showcasing her
14 commitment to the future of agriculture; and

15 WHEREAS, with her faithful vision, she serves as program director for a Beginning Farmers
16 USDA NIFA funded grant, positively impacting 18 counties in the state, providing
17 educational resources for the community, and empowering women and participants to
18 establish successful farm businesses; and

19 WHEREAS, she has forged partnerships with government agencies to assist farmers in
20 securing their farm service numbers, opening business bank accounts, becoming certified,
21 and accessing new markets; and

22 WHEREAS, under her leadership, the organization has collaboratively engaged with higher
23 learning institutes such as the University of Georgia and Fort Valley State University,
24 unifying farmers, activating countless members, and securing resources that provide both
25 rural and urban citizens an opportunity to thrive in existing and emerging agricultural
26 opportunities; and

27 WHEREAS, it is with great gratitude and respect that this legislative body recognizes Noreen
28 S Whitehead for her indispensable role in the establishment and success of the Georgia
29 Women In Agriculture Association.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Noreen S Whitehead for her exceptional
32 leadership, dedication, and transformative impact on the advancement of women in
33 agriculture in the State of Georgia and express their deepest appreciation for her efforts.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Noreen S Whitehead.