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House Resolution 257

By: Representatives Dickey of the 140<sup>th</sup>, Bentley of the 139<sup>th</sup>, Harden of the 148<sup>th</sup>, and Holmes of the 129<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Miss Georgia Peach Scholarship Pageant and congratulating the 2016
- 2 Georgia Peach Queens; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the peach has long been a nationally recognized symbol for the State of
- 4 Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Georgia peach industry has played a significant role in the economic growth
- 6 and prosperity of our state, and Georgia ranks third in the nation in the annual production of
- 7 peaches; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the Miss Georgia Peach Scholarship Pageant originated in Peach County,
- 9 Georgia, in 1982, thanks to the Pilot Club of Fort Valley, who conceived the pageant for the
- 10 purpose of having Ambassadors of the famous Georgia Peach Festival held in June each
- 11 year; and
- 12 WHEREAS, this annual pageant is open statewide to girls 4 to 24, for the purpose of building
- 13 self-confidence while acknowledging those who make a positive contribution to the
- 14 community; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in connection with this celebration, five very fine young ladies were crowned
- as the 2016 Peach Queens, including Miss Georgia Peach, Lizzy Stanford; Teen Miss
- 17 Georgia Peach, Ashley Moore; Junior Miss Georgia Peach, Averi Lauren Smith; Little Miss
- 18 Georgia Peach, India Margaret Cheek; and Tiny Miss Georgia Peach, Bella Grace Sanders;
- 19 and
- 20 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this festival and its representatives be
- 21 recognized by this body.

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22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that

- 23 the members of this body commend the Miss Georgia Peach Scholarship Pageant for
- promoting the importance of this agricultural product of Georgia and congratulate the 2016
- 25 Georgia Peach Queens.
- 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 the
- 28 Board of Directors of the Miss Georgia Peach Scholarship Pageant.