

House Resolution 411

By: Representatives Hogan of the 179th, Meeks of the 178th, and Williams of the 148th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company for its most generous donation of face shields to
2 Georgia hospitals across the state; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, O.M. Scott started in 1868 with one storefront in Ohio, and this leader in lawn,
4 garden, and hydroponics business has grown to nearly 80 locations across North America;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the growth of the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company includes one of its largest
7 facilities that produces various soil mixes and mulch products and is located in Butts County,
8 Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, a motto of the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company states "find a need and fill it" to
10 help those in need; and

11 WHEREAS, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company
12 responded by utilizing its fertilizer spreader equipment manufacturing plant in California to
13 produce 750,000 high-quality face shields; and

14 WHEREAS, these high-quality face shields were manufactured, donated, and shipped at no
15 charge to help front line workers across the country; and

16 WHEREAS, during July 2020, the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company coordinated with the
17 Georgia Urban Agriculture Council to identify and direct 36,000 of these face shields to
18 Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency received 10,000 face shields to
20 be directed to hospitals in need; and

21 WHEREAS, reports of COVID-19 cases across North Georgia resulted in 16,000 face shields
22 being directed to hospitals in Blairsville, Blue Ridge, Elberton, Gainesville, and Toccoa; and

23 WHEREAS, a spike in cases in Glynn County and surrounding coastal areas led to 10,000
24 units being shipped to the Southeast Georgia Health System in Brunswick across multiple
25 hospital locations; and

26 WHEREAS, leaders in health care as well as state and local officials were overwhelmed with
27 gratitude and have expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the work of the company's entire
28 staff upon its generous and lifesaving donations.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company and its actions
31 that demonstrate its commitment to "Gro More Good" in communities.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Jim
34 Hagedorn, CEO of Scotts Miracle-Gro Company.