

Senate Resolution 461

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Walker III of the 20th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th and Heath of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is proud to acknowledge the Georgia National Fairgrounds
4 and Agricenter as the premier location in Georgia for educating people about the livestock,
5 equine, and agricultural industries; and

6 WHEREAS, the gates to the first Georgia National Fair opened in 1990; the fair has evolved
7 from hosting 270,000 visitors over the course of nine days into an 11 day event that
8 accommodates as many as 536,000 fairgoers across 32 buildings; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia National Fairgrounds comprise 500 acres of land, and the midway
10 has been extended three times; the Fairgrounds host a state-wide fair to promote the
11 agricultural achievement of Georgia's youth, showcase Georgia's agriculture and
12 agribusiness, and provide a center for diverse activities benefiting the state's economy; and

13 WHEREAS, the Fairgrounds are also home to an on-site Livestock Birthing Center, where
14 fairgoers can witness the miracle of live animal birth during the Georgia National Fair;

15 WHEREAS, the livestock shows put on by exhibitors in the FFA and 4-H at the Fairgrounds
16 are considered to be the "Super Bowl" of livestock events; and

17 WHEREAS, the dedication exhibited by the staff of the Georgia National Fairgrounds and
18 Agricenter confirms the commitment to agriculture, education, and youth by the Georgia
19 National Fair and the State of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, the beautiful facilities, scenery, and landscape of the Georgia National
21 Fairgrounds have been showcased in a multitude of motion pictures; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter are the centralized home to
23 the vital industries of livestock, equine, and agriculture, and it is abundantly fitting and
24 proper that this exceptional state treasure be appropriately recognized and commended.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize and commend the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter for the important
27 role it plays in the economic and educational sectors of Georgia.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
30 National Fairgrounds and Agricenter.