

Senate Resolution 68

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Goodman of the 8th, Dixon of the 45th, Echols of the 49th and Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the University of Georgia 4-H Program and Ms. Venya Gunjal, Mrs. Melanie
2 Biersmith, and the 2022-2023 4-H Leadership Teams and recognizing February 8, 2023, as
3 4-H Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, 4-H members consistently demonstrate the ability and leadership necessary to
5 be champions and serve as outstanding representatives and officers of the young people of
6 Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Venya Gunjal of Cobb County serves with distinction and dedication as
8 state 4-H president; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Melanie Biersmith of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension
10 has worked diligently as state 4-H leader/director of 4-H; and

11 WHEREAS, the leadership, dedication, and hard work of Michael Campbell of
12 Athens-Clarke County, Naomi Jackson of Bibb County, Christopher Kuhbander of Ware
13 County, and Thomas Holt of Ben Hill County as district presidents have been acknowledged
14 by the 4-H membership in their election of each of these young people to serve as president
15 for 2022-2023; and

16 WHEREAS, the excellent record of accomplishments in citizenship and leadership of Laney
17 Cline of Cherokee County, Zoie Daughtry of Candler County, Evelyn Day of Houston
18 County, Alyssa Haag of Oconee County, Emily Pethel of Hall County, and Leah Szczepanski
19 of Oconee County is represented by their selection as delegates for the 2022 National 4-H
20 Conference; and

21 WHEREAS, Chanthony Andrews Jr. of Glynn County and Evelyn Day of Houston County
22 were named 2022 Leadership in Action winners; and

23 WHEREAS, Lexi Pritchard of Oconee County, Evelyn Day of Houston County, Savannah
24 Reynolds of Emanuel County, Alyssa Haag of Oconee County, Hinano Tomlinson of Sumter
25 County, Jhaycee Barnes of Spalding County, and Ms. Venya Gunjal of Cobb County were
26 named state winners in the 2022 Deans Awards competition; and

27 WHEREAS, Lexi Pritchard of Oconee County was named the 2022 National Winner of the
28 National Poultry Judging Contest; and

29 WHEREAS, Liam Jay, Ashley Braddy, Lauren Wixson, and Timothy Lord were named the
30 2022 National Winners of the National 4-H Consumer Judging Contest; and

31 WHEREAS, Sheila Marchant of Jeff Davis County was named the 2022 William H. Booth
32 Award Honoree; and

33 WHEREAS, Courtney Brown of Athens-Clarke County received the 2022 Ryles Rising Star
34 Award; and

35 WHEREAS, Jessica Collins of Houston County was named the 2022 Volunteer of the Year;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, Billy Wilkes of Columbia County received the 2022 Outstanding Lifetime
38 Volunteer Award.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
40 commend the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences 4-H
41 Program; Ms. Venya Gunjal, state 4-H president; Mrs. Melanie Biersmith, state 4-H leader;
42 and each of the 2022-2023 4-H district presidents; 2022 National 4-H Conference delegates;
43 2022 Leadership in Action winners; 2022 Deans Awards winners; 2022 National Winner in
44 Poultry Judging; 2022 National Winners in the National Consumer Judging Contest; 2022
45 William H. Booth Award Honoree; 2022 Ryles Rising Star winner; 2022 Volunteer of the
46 Year winner; and 2022 Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer winner for their numerous
47 accomplishments and for the leadership they have demonstrated as well as recognize
48 February 8, 2023, as 4-H Day at the state capitol.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
50 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the University of
51 Georgia Cooperative Extension.