

Senate Resolution 847

By: Senators Tillery of the 19th and Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Omar Simeon Cruz for receiving the 2017 Grower of the
2 Year Award from the Vidalia Onion Committee; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, early in the spring of 2017, as director of production and chief agronomist for
4 Bland Farms, LLC, Mr. Cruz planted over 2,500 acres of fertile soil with Sweet Vidalia
5 Onions; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Cruz's unwavering attention to his crop throughout the summer allowed the
7 roots to take hold and the shoots to grow tall; and

8 WHEREAS, with over 20 years of experience, Mr. Cruz exacted proper patience through
9 early fall, harvesting at the precise moment necessary to obtain the perfectly sweet onions
10 that people from across the world desire and demand from Vidalia; and

11 WHEREAS, the striking unity of purpose and spirit among each member of his team
12 exhibited during 2017 allowed Mr. Cruz to excel in his profession in growing and harvesting
13 Georgia's official vegetable; and

14 WHEREAS, it was duly befitting for the Vidalia Onion Committee to name Mr. Cruz the
15 2017 Grower of the Year because of his commitment to his fellow growers and his efforts
16 to improve the Vidalia Onion Brand.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 commend and congratulate Omar Simeon Cruz for his outstanding work and on receiving the
19 award that he so richly deserved.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Omar Simeon
22 Cruz.