

## GFB Day at the Capitol

# Gov. Perdue announces Landowner



Gov. Sonny Perdue addresses GFB members during GFB Day at the Capitol.

Gov. Sonny Perdue announced legislation that would limit liability for landowners who open their property to hunters and agri-tourists while addressing Georgia Farm Bureau members during the organization's annual Farm Bureau Day at the Capitol, Feb. 12.

"Georgia is our nation's number one hunting destination, and our agritourism industry is growing. You've got things people want to see and learn about, and I want landowners to feel comfortable in opening up their land to visitors," Perdue said.

Senate Bill 449, known as the Landowners Protection Act of 2008, was filed Feb. 12 by Sen. Bill Heath (R-Bremen), one of Gov. Perdue's Senate floor leaders. The proposal will protect landowners who allow individuals to hunt on their property from being sued for accidents arising during a hunt. Likewise, landowners operating an agritourism attraction would not be held



House Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom McCall presented a resolution in the honor of GFB. Pictured from right, House Speaker Glenn Richardson welcomes Rep. McCall, GFB President Duvall, GFB Vice President Brent Galloway, Bonnie Duvall, and GFB Vice Presidents Gerald Long and Donald Childs.



Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman John Bulloch (back row, center) escorted GFB members to the Senate Chamber where he read a resolution honoring the organization for its work on behalf of Georgia farmers. Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle (back row, far right) welcomes (right to left) GFB President Zippy Duvall and his wife, Bonnie, Sen. Bulloch, and GFB Vice Presidents Donald Childs, Brent Galloway and Gerald Long.

liable for accidents or injuries that may occur during the visit. Property owners would continue to be held responsible for gross negligence or deliberately putting people in danger. Perdue said the bill has 34 cosponsors in the Senate.

"The Landowner Protection Act is the right along with one of Farm Bureau's issues that we've been promoting for the last several years and that's liability protection for farmers when they invite people onto their farm for agritourism or ag edu