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HR688 makes Feb. 23 Ahmaud Arbery Day in Georgia

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HB500 authorizes a second round of funding for a rural tax credit program. The Georgia Agribusiness and Rural Jobs Act (GARJA) passed with overwhelming support and would provide $60 million in tax credits to companies with fewer than 250 employees in rural areas. This same proposal failed last year after a state audit showed that the jobs generated from the program's initial round of funding came nowhere close to justifying the loss in tax revenue.

HR576 encourages urban farming to help people living in urban areas to grow a more nutritious diet. Many urban residents live in food deserts and must depend on convenience stores for grocery shopping where very few fresh foods are available.