

Senate Resolution 723

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th and Harp of the 16th

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Columbus Water Works on the occasion of its one-hundredth anniversary of
2 providing a vital service to the people of Muscogee County and the Middle Chattahoochee
3 Valley; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the year 2002 marks 100 years since the establishment of the Columbus Board
5 of Water Commission by an Act of the state legislature on December 2, 1902; and

6 WHEREAS, Columbus Water Works has established and maintained a proud tradition of
7 excellence in the provision of water and sewer services, including not a single violation of
8 any drinking water standards; and

9 WHEREAS, Columbus Water Works has provided an abundant supply of clean drinking
10 water to the region and has expanded its operations in order to guarantee that the growing
11 needs of the region will continue to be met; and

12 WHEREAS, the Columbus Water Works has played a leadership role in the development,
13 use, and preservation of the great natural resource of our state, the Chattahoochee River; and

14 WHEREAS, Columbus Water Works has received 57 national, regional, and state honors
15 since 1995, including the prestigious U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's highest award
16 for a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Program in 2001 as well as the Georgia Governors
17 2001 Pollution Prevention Award; and

18 WHEREAS, Columbus Water Works lead the development of a 16 mile long park,
19 Riverwalk in conjunction with its Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) along the banks of the
20 Chattahoochee River, that is enjoyed by countless Columbus citizens and visitors which is
21 credited with spurring a multimillion dollar redevelopment of downtown Columbus; and

1 WHEREAS, Columbus Water Works made all of these outstanding accomplishments while
2 maintaining very low rates as compared to other water and wastewater utilities in the
3 Columbus area and southeastern United States; and

4 WHEREAS, the commitment of this outstanding group of men and women has established
5 a measure for all other public service providers to replicate, and it is abundantly fitting and
6 proper that they be commended by this body.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that Columbus Water Works
8 is recognized and commended for its many contributions on behalf of the citizens of this state
9 for the past 100 years.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
11 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the chair of the Board of Water
12 Commissioners, Mrs. Kathelen Spencer, and to the president of the Columbus Water Works,
13 Mr. Billy G. Turner.