

Senate Resolution 943

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Marable of the 52nd, Gingrey of the 37th, Beatty of the 47th, Moore of the 18th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the public safety and emergency services personnel and countless others
2 involved in the response and recovery efforts in Walker County; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the recent incident in Walker County in which hundreds of human remains were
4 found at the Tri-State Crematorium has presented a tremendous challenge; and

5 WHEREAS, personnel from over 60 agencies and organizations representing local, state, and
6 federal agencies as well as the volunteer community and private sector have responded to this
7 challenge; and

8 WHEREAS, these personnel represented the following agencies and organizations: the
9 Walker County Commissioner's Office; the Walker County Emergency Management
10 Agency; the Walker County Sheriff's Office; the Walker County Coroner's Office; the
11 Walker County District Attorney's Office; the Walker County Fire-Rescue Service; Walker
12 County 911; the Walker County Department of Public Works; the Walker County
13 Department of Family and Children's Services; the Walker County Health Department; the
14 Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles; the Georgia Bureau of Investigation; Georgia
15 Correctional Industries; the Georgia Department of Administrative Services; the Georgia
16 Department of Corrections; the Georgia Department of Defense; the Georgia Department of
17 Human Resources; the Georgia Department of Law; the Georgia Department of Natural
18 Resources; the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education; the Georgia
19 Department of Transportation; the Georgia Emergency Management Agency; the Georgia
20 Forestry Commission; the Georgia Secretary of State's Office; the Georgia State Patrol; the
21 Georgia Technology Authority; the Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs; the Governor's
22 Office of Planning and Budget; the Chattooga, Catoosa, Chatham, and Polk County
23 Emergency Management Agencies; the Gwinnett County Police Department; the City of
24 LaFayette; the Alabama Attorney General's Office; the Cherokee-DeKalb County, Alabama,
25 District Attorney's Office; the Hamilton County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office; the Bradley
26 County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office; the United States Public Health Service; the United

1 States Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team; the Federal Aviation Administration;
2 the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology; the United
3 States Forest Service; the American Red Cross; the Salvation Army; Southern Baptist
4 Convention Disaster Relief; the Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief Team; area churches; Alltell
5 Corporation; Best Manufacturing; Cingular Wireless; the Tri-State Critical Incident Stress
6 Management Team; the International Critical Incident Stress Management Team; the
7 International Incident Counseling Service; the Georgia Funeral Home Association; the
8 Independent Funeral Directors Association; the Independent Funeral Home Association of
9 Georgia; Lookout Mountain Community Services; the Home Depot; Hutcheson Medical
10 Center; Northwest Georgia Technical College; North Georgia Electric Membership
11 Corporation; Rock Spring Favorite Mart; Sam David Bernard Partners and Associates, P.C.;
12 Southern Linc; the Mead Corporation; SWS Recovery Services; Stoker Timber Company;
13 and Mashburn Tree Services; and

14 WHEREAS, they have worked tirelessly and meticulously to recover and identify remains,
15 conduct a thorough criminal investigation, and provide counseling, support, and other
16 services to the community; and

17 WHEREAS, they have carried out their duties with dedication and professionalism despite
18 being subjected to extreme physical and emotional stress.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 commend and extend our gratitude to the public safety and emergency services personnel and
21 members of the volunteer community and private sector involved in the response and
22 recovery efforts in Walker County.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the appropriate agency directors.