

Senate Resolution 944

By: Senators Stephens of the 51st and Jackson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Roy Gaines; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Roy Gaines has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
3 role that he has played in leadership in his community and his deep personal commitment to
4 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he is a lifelong resident of northeast Georgia, having been born in Hart County,
6 schooled in Franklin County, and employed in Stephens County, where he still resides; and

7 WHEREAS, Roy Gaines served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, seeing action at
8 Okinawa and Iwo Jima; and

9 WHEREAS, he co-founded, with his brother Chuck, WNEG Radio in 1956, which was
10 named as the Georgia Association of Broadcasters "Radio Station of the Year" in 1968, and
11 Roy Gaines was named the "Broadcaster Citizen of the Year" in 1971; and

12 WHEREAS, he served the City of Toccoa as commissioner for nine years and as mayor for
13 three, including service in 1977 when he helped to lead Toccoa back from the depths of the
14 Toccoa Falls College flood disaster in which 39 lives were lost and damages numbered in
15 the millions of dollars; and

16 WHEREAS, Roy Gaines received the first "Meritorious Public Service Award" from the W.
17 Hershel Lovett Foundation in 1977; and

18 WHEREAS, he continued his endeavors in the field of broadcasting when he founded
19 WNEG Television in 1984; and

20 WHEREAS, he was inducted into the Georgia Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in
21 February, 2002; and

1 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding achievements
2 of this distinguished Georgian.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 commend Roy Gaines for his many remarkable accomplishments and his sterling record of
5 public service and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and
6 happiness.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Roy Gaines.