

Senate Resolution 954

By: Senator Williams of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ron Widener; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ron Widener has been actively involved in the emergency management
3 profession since its inception in the Cold War era through its development into an all-hazards
4 discipline, responsible for disasters and emergencies including severe weather events,
5 radiological and hazardous materials incidents, school violence, and terrorism; and

6 WHEREAS, Ron Widener began his career in emergency management in the early 1950's,
7 and was appointed Director of Civil Defense for the City of Lyons, Toombs County, by then
8 Governor Herman Talmadge in 1954, making him the longest serving local emergency
9 management director in Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, he has continued to serve Toombs County continuously since that time,
11 currently as Director of the Toombs County Emergency Management Agency, and has been
12 an active and valuable member of the Emergency Management Association of Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, he has been instrumental in developing comprehensive safety and radiology
14 emergency preparedness plans for the area surrounding the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Power
15 Plant; and

16 WHEREAS, he has earned the respect, esteem, and admiration of the emergency
17 management and public safety communities during his five decades in the profession.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 honor and commend Ron Widener for his outstanding achievements and his contributions
20 to the safety of Georgia's citizens.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ron Widener.