

House Resolution 1648

By: Representatives Parrish of the 144th, Porter of the 143rd, Coleman of the 142nd, Morris of the 155th and Channell of the 111th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending William M. Bates; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, William M. Bates has been named Conservationist of the Year in Soil and
3 Water for Treutlen County for his strong commitment to soil and water conservation and
4 good forest stewardship; and

5 WHEREAS, this award honors a district cooperater from each county of the Ochoopee River
6 Soil and Water District and is given by the state Natural Resources Conservation Service to
7 recognize outstanding conservation practices; and

8 WHEREAS, William M. Bates grew up in Treutlen County where his mother was a teacher
9 and his father was the county school superintendent and his interest in forestry and soil and
10 water conservation began with 4-H projects in the late 1930s and early 1940s; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1952 after graduating from the University of Georgia, he purchased his first
12 piece of land in Treutlen County and over the years has accumulated many tracts in Treutlen
13 and adjoining counties all covered with trees; and

14 WHEREAS, he has worked as a newspaperman, an assistant to Senator Russell and Senator
15 Talmadge, and with public relations firms in Atlanta and in Washington, D.C.; and

16 WHEREAS, his forest lands are managed for optimum timber production utilizing
17 exceptional conservation practices in protecting soil and water; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the unparalleled success of this dedicated
19 conservationist be recognized appropriately.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body congratulate William M. Bates upon being named Conservationist

1 of the Year in Soil and Water for Treutlen County and commend him for his many years of
2 dedicated commitment to improving Georgia's forest lands through conservation and good
3 forest stewardship.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to William M. Bates.