

Senate Resolution 1001

By: Senators Gillis of the 20th, Dean of the 31st, Bowen of the 13th, Starr of the 44th, Hooks of the 14th and Thompson of the 33rd

#### 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 cooperator 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
21 congratulate William M. Bates upon being named Conservationist of the Year in Soil and

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

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to William M. Bates.