A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Denval B. Hamby for the gift to the St. Simons Land Trust;

2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Denval B. Hamby, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Hamby

4 Corporation, made the first conservation donation to the St. Simons Land Trust on December

5 27, 2000, and increased significantly the greenspace on this treasured island; and

 $6 \quad \text{WHEREAS, the 50-foot wide strip of land provides an ocean front buffer of natural woodland}$

7 that serves as a habitat for wildlife; preserves the beach, forest, and wetland ecosystems;

8 protects the watershed; and ensures adequate drainage; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to the donation of the 1 1/2 acres of land, The Hamby Corporation

10 made a substantial cash contribution to the St. Simons Land Trust to aid in funding the

11 stewardship and future preservation efforts for the property; and

12 WHEREAS, this generous gift increases public awareness of the St. Simons Land Trust

13 which was formed in the Spring of 2000 as a chapter of the Coastal Georgia Land Trust to

14 preserve the rich heritage of natural resources and to protect the scenic beauty and ecological

15 integrity of St. Simons Island for all Georgians.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body 17 recognize and commend Denval B. Hamby of The Hamby Corporation for the generous gift 18 to the St. Simons Land Trust and convey their appreciation of this substantial donation to 19 protect and preserve Georgia's coastal heritage.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed

21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Denval B. Hamby and to the St. Simons

22 Land Trust.