

Senate Resolution 63

By: Senator Johnson of the 1st and 55 other senators

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing sorrow at the tragic loss of the space shuttle Columbia and its crew; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the space shuttle Columbia took flight on January 16, 2003, bearing a brave and
4 dedicated crew; and

5 WHEREAS, during its mission the crew of the Columbia carried out many new and
6 important scientific endeavors for the betterment of humankind; and

7 WHEREAS, on February 1, 2003, a disaster occurred which resulted in the destruction of the
8 Columbia and loss of her crew during reentry into the atmosphere; and

9 WHEREAS, in an age of scientific advancement, the spectacular successes of the space
10 shuttle program may have come to seem routine to many, but the courageous crew of the
11 Columbia knew better than anyone that great missions are not accomplished without great
12 risk; and

13 WHEREAS, the tragic and untimely passing of these heroic astronauts leaves an unfillable
14 void in the hearts and lives of their families and friends, and it is fitting that the State of
15 Georgia join the nation and the world in paying tribute to the bravery and courage of those
16 space pioneers.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 express their deepest and most profound sorrow at the tragic loss of the space shuttle
19 Columbia and its crew and extend their most sincere sympathy to the families of Colonel
20 Rick Husband, Commander; Commander William C. McCool, pilot; Lieutenant Colonel
21 Michael Anderson, payload commander; Colonel Ilan Ramon, payload specialist; Captain
22 David Brown, mission specialist; Kalpana Chawla, mission specialist; and Commander Dr.
23 Laurel Clark, mission specialist.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of each above named crew
- 3 member.