

Senate Resolution 377

By: Senators Gillis of the 20th and Starr of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring F. Graham Liles, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, F. Graham Liles, Jr., executive director of the State Soil and Water
3 Conservation Commission, has served the State of Georgia ably and with great distinction
4 for 34 years; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he has diligently served the soil and water conservation districts and provided
6 leadership and guidance for the many resource conservation programs initiated under his
7 direction; and
- 8 WHEREAS, born in Fitzgerald, Georgia, he graduated from Fitzgerald High School, earned
9 a bachelor of science degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Georgia and
10 a master of science degree in Public Administration from Georgia College and State
11 University; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he has used his education and abilities to improve the state of the environment
13 and protect natural resources in our state always minding the best interests of all Georgia's
14 citizens; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he has successfully strived to ensure that generations of Georgians to come will
16 have productive soil and clear and abundant water so that they may continue to enjoy healthy
17 and productive lives; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he served his state and country honorably as a veteran of the United States Air
19 Force serving with distinction in Viet Nam; and
- 20 WHEREAS, F. Graham Liles, Jr., has served the State of Georgia with honor and dignity.
- 21 NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 commend F. Graham Liles, Jr., for three decades of diligent, dedicated, and indispensable
23 public service to all those who depend on the vitality of our natural resources in Georgia and
24 beyond; offer him their most heartfelt congratulation upon the occasion of his retirement;
25 convey their genuine appreciation for his leadership; and extend to him their most sincere
26 best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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 F. Graham Liles, Jr.