

Senate Resolution 404

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the City of Buford for celebrating its historical leather industry and its
2 connection with the late Roy Rogers; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the City of Buford may be said to have been "built on leather," since the
4 Bona-Allen Leather Company, once the No. 1 saddle company in the nation and a
5 manufacturer of shoes, collars, and baseball gloves, was formerly the premier employer in
6 the city; and

7 WHEREAS, Bona-Allen of Buford was widely recognized for the quality of its work and
8 was the saddle maker of choice for many horse riding motion picture stars and other
9 celebrities, including the late Roy Rogers, who regularly traveled to Buford to obtain saddles
10 for his beloved Trigger; and

11 WHEREAS, the Tannery Row Merchants Association of Buford is paying tribute to the city's
12 heritage by raising funds for a life-size bronze sculpture of Roy Rogers and Trigger, to be
13 erected on land donated by the city; and

14 WHEREAS, this worthy project has been endorsed by Roy "Dusty" Rogers, Jr., who has
15 written in praise of the local effort; and

16 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this project be recognized by this body.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 commend the City of Buford and its residents for celebrating its historical leather industry
19 and its connection with the late Roy Rogers.

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 the City of Buford.