

Senate Resolution 645

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending Mr. Xavier Roberts, his world famous creation of adoptable
2 Little People, and Babyland General Hospital on their 25th anniversary; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts developed the concept for adoptable Little People babies in 1977,
5 complete with birth certificates; constructed from an old German technique of fabric
6 sculpture, the babies are a combination of artistic sculpture and quilting skills passed on for
7 generations among Appalachian residents; and

8 WHEREAS, one year later, Mr. Roberts and five associates organized Original Appalachian
9 Artworks and renovated the former Neal Clinic in Cleveland, Georgia, and opened Babyland
10 General Hospital; and

11 WHEREAS, Original Appalachian Artworks, Inc., the parent company, produced four
12 animated films and works with numerous businesses and licensees to produce a variety of
13 product related toys, clothes, films, and videos; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1980, the original babies made their national television debut, were featured
15 in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*, *Atlanta Week*, and other media, and led Mr. Roberts
16 to license his creations to a major toy manufacturer and changed the name of the product
17 from Little People to Cabbage Patch Kids; and

18 WHEREAS, by 1983 the company had given birth to its three millionth adoptable baby and
19 by 1993 had given birth to 71 million babies, with over 40,000 of them having been donated
20 to the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots campaign; and

21 WHEREAS, Babyland General Hospital has welcomed more than five million visitors since
22 1978, and last year's sales at the hospital exceeded \$2 million; and

1 WHEREAS, since their conception, 98 million Cabbage Patch Kids have been adopted.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body honors Mr.
3 Xavier Roberts, his world famous creation of adoptable Little People, and Babyland General
4 Hospital and commend them for the economic success and impact they have brought to their
5 community

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Xavier Roberts and Babyland
8 General Hospital.