

Senate Resolution 334

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Johnson of the 1st, Tolleson of the 20th, Bulloch of the 11th, Staton of the 18th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging private persons to make financial contributions to the Georgia National Guard Family
2 Support Foundation, Inc.; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, currently, 3,350 Georgia Army National Guard members are mobilized,
4 including members of the 48th Infantry Brigade training at Fort Stewart for deployment to
5 Iraq in the summer of 2005; 150 members are deployed supporting Iraqi Freedom and
6 Enduring Freedom operations in Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan; 3,180 members have
7 mobilized and returned home; three units have mobilized twice; every unit in the Georgia
8 Army National Guard has mobilized since September 11, 2001, except for two small
9 detachments and several headquarters elements; and more than 200 Georgia Air National
10 Guard members are currently mobilized, and at one time over 1,000 Air Guardsmen were on
11 duty; and

12 WHEREAS, the level, frequency, and duration of such mobilizations has worked economic
13 hardships on many Georgia National Guard members and their families; and

14 WHEREAS, the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, Inc., is a chartered
15 501c(3) charitable organization incorporated in this state to provide humanitarian support,
16 including no-interest loans and grants, to members of the Georgia Department of Defense
17 and their families; and

18 WHEREAS, the foundation, although not a military organization, is recognized as an official
19 support organization of the Georgia National Guard, and it functions at the state level in a
20 role similar to Army Emergency Relief and the Air Force Aide Society for active
21 components of the armed forces of the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, the foundation relies on private contributions and fund-raising activities for
23 support of its humanitarian efforts.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 urge all private persons, natural and corporate, who have sufficient means to make financial
3 contributions to the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, Inc., in support of
4 its humanitarian efforts.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Georgia National Guard Family
7 Support Foundation, Inc., the Georgia Department of Defense, and major news media outlets
8 in this state.