

## Senate Resolution 343

By: Senators Wiles of the 37th, Stephens of the 27th, Johnson of the 1st, Rogers of the 21st, Balfour of the 9th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of Rick Mahler and expressing regret at his passing; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, news of the passing of Rick Mahler, former pitcher for the Atlanta Braves and  
4 other major league professional baseball teams, is received with deep regret by this body; and

5 WHEREAS, the life led by this distinguished gentleman rendered his name dear to the hearts  
6 of his family and fellow citizens alike; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Mahler's major league career spanned 1979-1991, including membership  
8 in the Atlanta Braves, Cincinnati Reds, and Montreal Expos; his career record included  
9 1,951 innings pitched, 196 wins and 111 losses, and a 3.99 earned run average; and his  
10 league championship series record included 3.1 innings pitched, 0 wins and 0 losses, and a  
11 0.00 earned run average. He was the workhorse of Atlanta's pitching staff in the 1980s; in  
12 his ten years with the Atlanta club, he tied a modern NL record with three Opening Day  
13 shutouts, in 1982, 1986, and 1987. He ranked among Atlanta's all-time leaders in wins, starts,  
14 innings, and strikeouts. He went to the Reds as a free agent after the 1988 season, and, in two  
15 seasons with Cincinnati, he served as both a starter and a reliever, recording his first saves  
16 since 1981 in 1990. After leaving again as a free agent, he finished his career with the Expos  
17 and Braves in 1991; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Mahler also formerly served as a Little League baseball coach in Marietta  
19 with the Honorable John Wiles, Senator from the 37th District; and

20 WHEREAS, while in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow citizens, in his death we  
21 mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family and friends.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 honor the memory of Rick Mahler and express their regret at his passing.

- 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 Rick Mahler.