

Senate Resolution 346

By: Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Jim Fowler; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Jim Fowler, one of the world's best known naturalists, is a native of Georgia,
3 having been born in Albany, Georgia on April 9, 1932; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he has presented information about wildlife and wilderness to the American
5 public on television for more than 40 years, educating the young and old about how to live
6 in harmony with the Earth and its creatures; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served as host of *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom* and *Mutual of Omaha's*
8 *Spirit of Adventure*, was the wildlife correspondent for NBC's Today Show, was the wildlife
9 expert on Discovery Communication's Animal Planet network, and was a regular on the
10 *Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*, programs that received many awards including four
11 Emmys and an endorsement by the National PTA for family viewing; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in addition to his television work, Jim Fowler served as executive director of
13 Mutual of Omaha's Wildlife Heritage Center, visiting zoos and nature centers around the
14 country; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Jim Fowler is the president of the Fowler Center for Wildlife Education in New
16 York, serves as the honorary president for the Explorers Club, and has sat on the boards of
17 Friends of Conservation, the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, and the Global Communications for
18 Conservation; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Jim Fowler, who knew as a child growing up in Albany, Georgia, that he
20 wanted to become a naturalist, is credited with the layout and development of The Parks at
21 Chehaw; and

1 WHEREAS, he has traveled all over the world, along with his wife Betsey Fowler, a
2 prominent wildlife artist, in furtherance of his mission to affect public attitudes so that people
3 around the world will help protect wildlife habitat and influence appropriate governmental
4 policy.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
6 join in recognizing and commending Jim Fowler as there are very few, if any, individuals
7 who have played a more important role in wildlife conservation and education and express
8 their gratitude for all of his contributions and the impact he has had on the State of Georgia,
9 the United States of America, and the world.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jim Fowler.