

Senate Resolution 544

By: Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Kay Read on the occasion of her retirement as editor of *The*
2 *Albany Herald*; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, during her 14-year tenure as editor of *The Albany Herald*, Kay Read has
4 contributed vastly to improving the professionalism and community involvement of the
5 newspaper, and she has provided her capable leadership to nearly every aspect of public life
6 in Albany; and

7 WHEREAS, she is a celebrated graduate of Baylor University and has served as a visiting
8 professor at the University of Missouri School of Journalism, where she provided her
9 professional expertise as an editing instructor and consultant for the campus newspaper; and

10 WHEREAS, she began her journalism career in her native Texas, and she joined the *Kansas*
11 *City Star* in 1971, became the senior editor for features at the *New York Post* in 1989, and
12 worked with a public relations agency in New York City before coming to Albany in August
13 of 1992; and

14 WHEREAS, she is president of the Georgia Associated Press Association Council and is a
15 member of the board of directors of the Georgia First Amendment Foundation, the Georgia
16 Chamber of Commerce, and the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, and she
17 has tirelessly served the community of Albany on the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
18 Executive Committee, the Albany Rotary Club, the Southwest Georgia Alliance for Progress,
19 and the Southwest Georgia Cancer Coalition executive committee; and

20 WHEREAS, throughout her career she has maintained a laudable commitment to diversity
21 of opinion, preferring editorials that incite conversation rather than consensus, and she has
22 transformed the newspaper into a positive force within the community that empowers readers
23 with the information they need to take action on their own; and

1 WHEREAS, she was selected from a field of 39 applicants to become president of the
2 Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce, and she leaves *The Albany Herald* to
3 direct a five-person staff and a Chamber of Commerce that has about 1,400 members; and

4 WHEREAS, as she has commanded the esteem of her colleagues and neighbors, her
5 unshakable commitment to her community has brought honor to the State of Georgia.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
7 join in commending Kay Read for her 14 years of outstanding service and leadership with
8 *The Albany Herald*, congratulating her on her new appointment, and extending to her the best
9 of wishes for her continued success, health, and fulfillment in all her endeavors.

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 Kay Read.