

Senate Resolution 1216

By: Senators Wiles of the 37th, Rogers of the 21st, Hill of the 32nd, Thompson of the 33rd and Stoner of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Bill Borden; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Iditarod Trail, a national historic trail in Alaska, had its beginnings as a mail
3 and supply route from the coastal towns of Seward and Knik to the interior mining camps at
4 Flat, Ophir, Ruby, and the west coast communities of Unalakleet, Golovin, White Mountain,
5 and Nome; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1925, the Iditarod Trail became a life saving route for the children of Nome,
7 Alaska, who were stricken with diphtheria, when the serum to fight the disease had to be
8 brought by the only means possible: the intrepid dog mushers and their faithful, hard driving
9 dogs; and

10 WHEREAS, 82 participants from the United States, Canada, Russia, Norway, Germany,
11 England, and Switzerland entered the 2002 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, also known as "The
12 Last Great Race," and only 55 racers finished, one of which included Kennesaw, Georgia,
13 resident Bill Borden; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Borden is the first Georgian to successfully complete the Iditarod, finishing
15 on March 17, 2002, in 53rd place with 13 happy, healthy dogs in an overall time of 14 days,
16 four hours, ten minutes, and 14 seconds, and he crossed the finish line with all the required
17 mandatory gear, including the 2002 Official Mail Cachet, designed that year by another
18 Georgia resident, Bill's wife, Brenda Borden; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to recognize with particularity
20 the outstanding accomplishments of this extraordinary individual.

21 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 join together to recognize Bill Borden and commend him on his successful completion of the
23 2002 Iditarod Sled Dog Race.

- 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 Bill Borden.