

Senate Resolution 1343

By: Senator Cowsert of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Randy J. Powers; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Randy J. Powers has dedicated more than 30 years of service to the State of
3 Georgia, including critical positions in the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, where
4 he worked with four different governors on education and higher education policy; and

5 WHEREAS, he has played a key role in the development and passage of important education
6 legislation and policy in Georgia during that time; and

7 WHEREAS, his professionalism, wisdom, easy-going manner, and charm have earned him
8 high praise, admiration, and respect by many in Georgia's state government, and he has even
9 been described as the "beloved" representative of the University of Georgia by more than one
10 state legislator; and

11 WHEREAS, Randy J. Powers has worked at the University of Georgia as Executive Director
12 for State Government Relations since December of 2000; and

13 WHEREAS, upon assuming the duties of representing his Alma Mater at the state capitol,
14 he quickly became the most effective higher education representative in the state; and

15 WHEREAS, during his tenure at the University of Georgia, he has helped secure funding and
16 support for numerous critical educational, research, and public service initiatives, including
17 projects from the "dog run" to the pharmacy school expansion; and

18 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in helping the General Assembly develop policy to protect
19 the privacy of donor records which has led directly to millions of dollars of gifts being
20 contributed to UGA and other state institutions; and

1 WHEREAS, even in his retirement, he continues to advance the interest of the state's
2 flagship institution underneath the "Gold Dome" of the state capitol.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 recognize and commend Mr. Randy J. Powers for his unwavering dedication and service to
5 the University of Georgia and to the people of the great State of Georgia and offer him best
6 wishes for future happiness and prosperity.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Randy J. Powers.