

Senate Resolution 1316

By: Senator Thomas of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Atlanta Thrashers on its tenth anniversary; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on June 25, 1997, the great City of Atlanta was awarded a National Hockey
4 League franchise, which was named the Thrashers through a fan poll after the state bird of
5 Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Thrashers began playing in the 1999-2000 season and over the past
7 decade have brought great triumphs, pride, and excitement to the people of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Thrashers won their first Southeast Division Championship and
9 secured their first NHL playoff spot during the 2006-2007 season; and

10 WHEREAS, the 2008 NHL All Star Game was hosted by the Thrashers, bringing hockey
11 fans from around the country to the State of Georgia to enjoy Southern hospitality and
12 generosity; and

13 WHEREAS, the Thrashers have helped instill the love and appreciation of hockey to
14 thousands of fans, as well as encouraged future hockey players through their support of youth
15 hockey development; and

16 WHEREAS, the Thrashers Foundation has granted \$4 million in overall donations and
17 charitable contributions to more than 2,000 charities throughout Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and the City of Atlanta are proud to be the home of the
19 Atlanta Thrashers, an accomplished hockey team that generously uplifts the lives of others.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 congratulate the Atlanta Thrashers on their tenth season of professional hockey in Atlanta
22 and extend their sincere best wishes for future success in Atlanta at Blueland.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to General Manager Don Waddell.