

Senate Resolution 993

By: Senators Chapman of the 3rd, Williams of the 19th, Goggans of the 7th and Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Mr. James Conine; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. James Conine was born on July 2, 1939, and at 18 years old, he was drafted
3 into the army where he served in the 101st Airborne; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Conine has been married to his wife, Ruth, for 42 years, and they have two
5 children, Matthew and Angela, and twin grandsons, Jackson and Justin; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Conine has won the National Abraham Lincoln Speaking and Look-a-Like
7 Competition, held in conjunction with Abraham Lincoln Days at President Lincoln's
8 birthplace, Hodgenville, Kentucky, in 1996, 2000, and 2003; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Conine is a lifelong resident of Georgia, and he first portrayed President
10 Lincoln for his children's scouting and school functions; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Conine's education includes an associate's degree in Civil Engineering, a
12 Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics, and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence degree; and
- 13 WHEREAS, after a career of more than 30 years as a land surveyor on the Georgia coast, Mr.
14 Conine committed himself fully to his Abraham Lincoln presentations; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Conine travels throughout the United States and Europe, including Native
16 American reservations in Arizona and Germany, delivering his first person portrayal of
17 President Lincoln using President's Lincoln personal life experiences, emphasizing honesty,
18 integrity, ambition, and patriotism to entertain, educate, and motivate his listeners.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 commend Mr. James Conine for dedicating his life to furthering the principles of President
21 Abraham Lincoln.

- 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. James Conine.