

Senate Resolution 32

By: Senator Balfour of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Bob Prather; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Bob Prather has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
3 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
4 of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
7 dramatically by his six years of superlative service as the chairman of the Georgia World
8 Congress Center Authority Board of Governors; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Prather was initially appointed to the Georgia World Congress Center
10 Authority in 1994 and has been reappointed four times; and

11 WHEREAS, he was first elected as chairman by the Board of Governors of the Georgia
12 World Congress Center Authority in 1998, was re-elected two times, and then returned to the
13 position in 2008; and

14 WHEREAS, under Mr. Prather's leadership, the Georgia World Congress Center has
15 remained among the top five convention centers in the United States, and during his six years
16 as chairman, the Georgia World Congress Center Authority has not sought operating funds
17 from the State of Georgia despite recent hard economic times, and

18 WHEREAS, the Georgia World Congress Center Authority's three venues, the Georgia
19 World Congress Center, the Georgia Dome, and Centennial Olympic Park, collectively
20 generated over \$68 million in direct profit to the State of Georgia in fiscal year 2010; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Prather's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
22 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the

23 citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
24 associates; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
26 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend Mr. Bob Prather for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service
29 to the State of Georgia.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Bob Prather.