

Senate Resolution 634

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ambassador Kenneth H. Merten; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ambassador Kenneth H. Merten has defined leadership and compassion
3 through his service to the nation of Haiti following the devastating earthquake the nation
4 suffered in 2010; and

5 WHEREAS, Ambassador Merten is a career Foreign Service Officer who joined the Foreign
6 Service in 1987 and has served two previous diplomatic assignments in Haiti; and

7 WHEREAS, he has served as Deputy Executive Secretary to United States Secretary of State
8 Hillary Clinton and to United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice; and

9 WHEREAS, Ambassador Merten's overseas assignments include the United States
10 Embassies in Port-au-Prince, Paris, and Bonn and the United States Mission to the European
11 Union in Brussels; and

12 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from Miami University in Ohio and a master's
13 degree from American University and has studied at the Université d'Aix-Marseille in
14 France and Karl Franzens Universität in Austria; and

15 WHEREAS, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, Ambassador Merten considers Hudson, Ohio,
16 home, is united in love and marriage to Susan Greenman Merten, and is blessed with two
17 remarkable children; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
19 this distinguished gentleman be appropriately recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend Ambassador Kenneth H. Merten for his dedicated diplomatic service.

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 Ambassador Kenneth H. Merten.