

Senate Resolution 725

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Bethel of the 54th, Loudermilk of the 52nd, Grant of the 25th, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Norton Search Team, Inc.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Norton Search Team, Inc. was formed under the leadership of Bob Edwards
3 to assist in the search for Bob Norton, his wife, and five Venezuelans who went missing in
4 the Venezuela jungles during an emergency medical flight in 2009; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Edwards, a long-time friend of Norton, joined forces with his good friend and
6 pilot, JD Brown, Kevin Price, and Scott Reece, to train an ad hoc team of volunteers to
7 carefully scan satellite images of jungle areas where it was believed Norton would have been
8 flying; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Edwards and Bob Norton's son, Robbie, traveled to Venezuela and worked with
10 the Civil Protection to investigate clues from the satellite image analysis; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Edwards contacted the members of the Mission Aircraft Search Team, and 21
12 volunteers spent two days at Georgia's Cloudland State Park poring over all the known data
13 to determine the highest probable zones that would contain the crash site; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Edwards traveled a second time to Venezuela to search with the Pemon Indians
15 in one of the high probability zones; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in December of 2010, Edwards contacted John Dill, a Search Technician from
17 Yosemite's Search and Rescue Team, who introduced the Norton Search Team to a more
18 thorough approach to the investigation and has been instrumental in the re-evaluation of all
19 of the known data; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the Norton Search Team is also developing the Aerial Search Platform, which
21 includes a small, lightweight, modified remote control plane with cameras and sensors, their
22 Search UAV; and

23 WHEREAS, the next trip to Venezuela is scheduled for early in 2012 with the primary
24 objective of investigative work and preparation for eventually bringing the Search UAV
25 down to search the priority zones; and

26 WHEREAS, the dedicated efforts of Bob Edwards and the numerous volunteers of the
27 Norton Search Team are to be commended and applauded.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 join in recognizing the commitment of the Norton Search Team, Inc. and sincerely wish them
30 success in their upcoming search.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Norton Search Team, Inc.