

Senate Resolution 1044

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Bruce Yawn upon the occasion of his retirement and the closing of
2 Snooky's Restaurant; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Bruce Yawn graduated from the University of Georgia in 1969 where he
4 played on the Bulldogs offensive line for Coach Vince Dooley and became an Academic
5 All-American; and

6 WHEREAS, he returned to his hometown of Statesboro after graduation and opened
7 Snooky's Restaurant in 1971 with his father, the namesake of the restaurant; and

8 WHEREAS, Snooky's Restaurant has served thousands of loyal customers, from long-time
9 area residents to Georgia Southern students, over the past 41 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Yawn and Snooky's played a vital role in bringing collegiate football back
11 to Georgia Southern College in 1981 and in bringing Erk Russell to Statesboro to coach the
12 Eagles; and

13 WHEREAS, Snooky's served as a permanent meeting place for Coach Russell and his
14 so-called "Snook Pac" throughout the years; and

15 WHEREAS, Snooky's and Mr. Yawn have been host for state and national leaders over the
16 years, from Jimmy Carter to Governor Nathan Deal, as well as famous guests, including Zell
17 Miller, Vince Dooley, and Vince Gill; and

18 WHEREAS, he has been a servant leader in the Statesboro-Bullock County community for
19 decades and has received numerous honors, including the Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber's
20 Business Leader of the Year Award, the *Statesboro Herald* Humanitarian of the Year Award,
21 and the Small Business of the Year Award; and

22 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he is a member of First United Methodist
23 Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher for many years; and

24 WHEREAS, Snooky's Restaurant served its last meal to loyal customers on February 18,
25 2012; and

26 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his wife of 42 years, Carol, and blessed with
27 three remarkable children and nine wonderful grandchildren; and

28 WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Mr. Yawn looks forward to spending more time with his
29 family.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Mr. Bruce Yawn for his years of service with Snooky's Restaurant and his
32 dedicated service to his family and community, congratulate him upon the occasion of his
33 retirement, and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and
34 happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Bruce Yawn.