

## Senate Resolution 22EX

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Carter of the 42nd, Fort of the 39th, James of the 35th and Seay of the 34th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Marlin Ralph Gottschalk; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Dr. Marlin Ralph Gottschalk on May 23, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a native of Milwaukee, Dr. Gottschalk attended Emory University where he  
5 obtained bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in science and ecology; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Dr. Gottschalk was a leader of the sustainability community, having served as  
7 director of the Sustainability Division of Georgia's Department of Natural Resources and a  
8 founding father of the Clean Air Campaign; and
- 9 WHEREAS, during his years of dedicated service to the environment and citizens of Georgia  
10 as a member of the state Environmental Protection Division, Dr. Gottschalk became known  
11 as a foremost expert on air quality in the State of Georgia and led numerous multimedia  
12 projects that integrated environmental policy and planning with transportation, land use, and  
13 energy policy; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he managed important programs that led to the reduction of air pollution from  
15 cars, trucks, buses, and other transportation sources in the Atlanta region and cleaned up  
16 releases from underground storage tanks; and
- 17 WHEREAS, this year, GreenLaw, an Atlanta based public interest legal group, honored Dr.  
18 Gottschalk with a new distinguished public service award, citing his "steadfast leadership in  
19 integrating environmental policy and planning with transportation, land use, and energy  
20 policy"; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Dr. Gottschalk was united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Kathy,  
22 and was blessed with two remarkable children, Rachel and Russell; and

23 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
24 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
25 family and friends were admired by others; and

26 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
27 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he  
28 made this world a better place in which to live; and

29 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Gottschalk will long be remembered  
30 for his kind smile, incredible sense of humor, and love of family and friendship, and this  
31 loyal husband, father, brother, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of  
32 knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Marlin Ralph Gottschalk and express their  
35 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Marlin Ralph  
38 Gottschalk.