

Senate Resolution 344

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Shafer of the 48th, Chance of the 16th, Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Roberto Roy; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Roberto Roy is the Minister for Canal Affairs and President of the Board of
3 Directors of the Panama Canal Authority; and

4 WHEREAS, he earned a degree in Civil Engineering from Universidad Santa Maria la
5 Antigua and a degree in Mechanical Engineering and a master's degree in Industrial
6 Management from the Georgia Institute of Technology; and

7 WHEREAS, he is president and founder of Ingeniería R-M and affiliates, one of the largest
8 construction groups in Panama; and

9 WHEREAS, from 1996 to 1998, Mr. Roy presided over the Blue Ribbon Engineering
10 Committee, a panel that together with the United States Army Corps of Engineers evaluated
11 the infrastructure of the Panama Canal and recommended improvements to the waterway;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Roy was a member of the Board of Directors of the Panama Canal
14 Authority from 1998 through 2007; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Roy was president of the Panama Construction Chamber (CAPAC); has
16 been a member of YPO/WPO for the last 25 years; and has served as a board member of the
17 City of Knowledge, an advisory board member of the Georgia Tech Panama Logistics
18 Innovation and Research Center, and a member of the Panamanian Chamber of Commerce
19 and Asociacion Panamena de Ejecutivos de Empresa; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Roy has been the recipient of several awards, including the Condecoración
21 Manuel Amador Guerrero (Gran Cruz), the highest civilian honor in Panama; the
22 Distinguished Engineering Alumnus from Georgia Tech; SPIA, Engineer of the Year; the

23 William Ross Honor Medal from the Panama Construction Chamber; two Panama Canal
24 Awards given by the ACP Board of Directors in recognition of his performance and
25 commitment as a former member of the board of directors and the Blue Ribbon Engineering
26 Committee, a group of well-known Panamanian engineers appointed by the Panama Canal
27 Commission Board of Directors to review the USACE's Panama Canal operation and
28 maintenance audit and to perform other engineering studies; and the Ordre national de la
29 Légion d'honneur; and

30 WHEREAS, the exemplary achievements of this distinguished individual whose pursuits in
31 the field of engineering have led to incredible success are worthy of recognition.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend Mr. Roberto Roy on his diligence in the field of engineering, recognize and
34 congratulate him on his many accolades, and extend their best wishes for many years of
35 future success.

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 Mr. Roberto Roy.