

Senate Resolution 346

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Fort of the 39th, James of the 35th, Seay of the 34th, Lucas of the 26th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending linemen from Georgia Power and the International
2 Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 84, members of the Georgia AFL-CIO, for their
3 diligence in responding to the needs of individuals in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy; and
4 for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, linemen from Georgia Power and the International Brotherhood of Electrical
6 Workers Local 84, members of the Georgia AFL-CIO, have been indispensable to the
7 recovery efforts in Northeast America following Hurricane Sandy, which killed 149 residents
8 and caused more than \$50 billion in damage; and

9 WHEREAS, within hours after Hurricane Sandy struck, Georgia Power employees and
10 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 84 and the Georgia
11 AFL-CIO worked with local authorities to assist in establishing power to the more than 4.8
12 million customers who remained without power in 15 states and the District of Columbia;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the worst states affected by Hurricane Sandy were New Jersey with 1,983,694
15 customers out of power; New York with 1,514,147; Pennsylvania with 526,934; and
16 Connecticut with 352,286; with a total estimated economic loss in excess of \$50 billion; and

17 WHEREAS, the death toll from Hurricane Sandy as of November 1, 2012, was at least 114,
18 including 42 confirmed deaths in New York; 12 in New Jersey; nine in Maryland; six in
19 Pennsylvania; five in West Virginia; four in Connecticut; two in Virginia; one in North
20 Carolina; one in Canada; and at least 67 in the Caribbean, including 54 in Haiti; and

21 WHEREAS, this exemplary group of linemen devoted their time, talents, and energies to the
22 recovery effort in order to relieve some of the impact of a natural disaster that proved tragic
23 for many.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 join unanimously to applaud the accomplishments of these linemen and to convey to all of
26 those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of their efforts in
27 Northeast America following the devastating hurricane on October 29, 2012.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the International Brotherhood of
30 Electrical Workers and Georgia Power employees.