

Senate Resolution 503

By: Senator Tolleson of the 20th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Colonel Mitchel H. Butikofer on his outstanding  
2 achievements; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Colonel Mitchel H. Butikofer has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
4 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to  
5 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he received his commission in 1989 through the Air Force Reserve Officer  
7 Training Corps at Utah State University, and his career highlights include two squadron  
8 commands, two group commands, various headquarters staffs, and the Air Staff and the  
9 Office of Secretary of Defense Staff; and

10 WHEREAS, prior to receiving his Master of Science in national resource strategies from  
11 National Defense University in 2005, he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in computer science  
12 from Utah State University and a Master of Science in management technology from the  
13 University of Texas-San Antonio and attended Squadron Officer School, Intermediate  
14 Service School, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College, and Industrial College  
15 of the Armed Forces; and

16 WHEREAS, most recently, he was the Commander of the 78th Air Base Wing and  
17 Installation Commander at Robins Air Force Base; and

18 WHEREAS, he trained, deployed, and redeployed over 2,500 airmen annually in support of  
19 the Air and Space Expeditionary Force, and he provided facility and equipment support to  
20 the base's 37 hosted units; and

21 WHEREAS, this outstanding individual also commanded more than 4,600 personnel and was  
22 directly responsible for logistics, medical, civil engineer, security, mission support functions,  
23 and morale and welfare of 28,000 officers, airmen, civilians, and family members; and

24 WHEREAS, he has many awards and decorations, including the Defense Superior Service  
25 Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award  
26 with two oak leaf clusters, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and

27 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlemen has made tremendous contributions to the  
28 community and to his church; and

29 WHEREAS, the transfer of Colonel Mitchel H. Butikofer will be a huge loss to all of Middle  
30 Georgia, and his vision and unyielding commitment to those he has come into contact with  
31 will leave a lasting impact on the community.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 commend Colonel Mitchel H. Butikofer for his efficient, unselfish, and dedicated public  
34 service and extend to him their most sincere best wishes.

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 Colonel Mitchel H. Butikofer.