

Senate Resolution 633

By: Senator Tolleson of the 20th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. James E. "Jim" Kundell for his service to the State of
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. James E. "Jim" Kundell joined the staff of the Institute of Government at
4 the University of Georgia as a public service assistant in 1977; and

5 WHEREAS, throughout his 30 year career with the Institute, now the Carl Vinson Institute
6 of Government, he served in several positions, including director of the Environmental
7 Policy Program, and received numerous commendations for his service; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Kundell also served the University of Georgia on numerous committees and
9 as a professor at the Odum School of Ecology, where he taught graduate classes and served
10 on graduate committees for ten students and as the major professor for another 11 students;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, one of Dr. Kundell's most fulfilling roles was his service as science advisor to
13 the Georgia General Assembly from 1977 to 2007, where he had the privilege of working
14 with legislative leadership and members to address issues and challenges associated with air
15 and water quality, water supply, solid and hazardous waste management, growth
16 management, coastal zone management, and greenspace and land conservation; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Kundell has assisted the Department of Natural Resources, the
18 Environmental Protection Division, the Department of Community Affairs, the Association
19 County Commissioners of Georgia, the Georgia Municipal Association, and other agencies
20 and organizations in this state in identifying environmental challenges and focusing on
21 practical solutions; and

22 WHEREAS, he is recognized regionally and nationally as a preeminent authority on
23 environmental policy issues, having been requested to work with the National Association
24 of Counties, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the U.S. Department of the

25 Interior, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to study existing and emerging
26 issues, and he has been appointed and served as chairman of the Chief of Engineers
27 Environmental Advisory Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Kundell, a native of the State of New York, received his Doctor of
29 Philosophy in Environmental Science from the State University of New York, College of
30 Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse University; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Kundell has been supported and encouraged throughout his career by his
32 wife, Linda, and their two remarkable children, Daniel and Elizabeth.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 commend Dr. James E. "Jim" Kundell for his distinguished and dedicated service to the State
35 of Georgia, recognize him for his many contributions to environmental protection and natural
36 resources conservation, and extend their best wishes for an enjoyable and well-deserved
37 retirement.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. James E. "Jim" Kundell.