

Senate Resolution 1045

By: Senators Carter of the 1st, Jackson of the 2nd, Chance of the 16th, Hill of the 4th and Shafer of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing WTOC-TV of Savannah; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in October 1929, WTOC-AM radio signed on as the first commercial radio
3 station in the Savannah area, an enterprise of the Junior Board of Trade, a forerunner of the
4 Savannah Jaycees; and
- 5 WHEREAS, on February 14, 1954, William T. Knight, Jr., having secured sole ownership
6 from this Junior Board of Trade partners, undertook yet another bold risk, establishing
7 WTOC-TV as the first television station in the Savannah area; and
- 8 WHEREAS, market dominance established under Mr. Knight's ownership was maintained
9 from 1979 - 1997 as part of the AFLAC family of stations, and solidified and extended under
10 Raycom Media since 1997; and
- 11 WHEREAS, WTOC has been Savannah's most watched television station consistently and
12 by substantial margins for well more than three decades; and
- 13 WHEREAS, The News on WTOC, the Southeast News Leader, has won Associated Press,
14 Emmy and Edward R. Murrow Awards for excellence, far too numerous to list herein.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
16 congratulate WTOC-TV of Savannah for its long record of success and commend it for its
17 many contributions to the welfare of Savannah and this state.
- 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to WTOC-TV.