

Senate Resolution 444

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Watson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Karen Tanksley on the grand occasion of her retirement;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, after a 43 year career that spanned parts of five decades, Karen Tanksley retires
4 from Morris Media on April 3, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, she was named general manager of the *Effingham Herald* in February of 1999,
6 and was named publisher in October of 2002, a position she has held for over a decade; and

7 WHEREAS, she was named Publisher of the Year by Morris Media in May of 2005, after
8 her leadership skills guided the *Effingham Herald* to the 2005 Newspaper of the Year Award;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, she was the first chairman of the Effingham Chamber ambassadors, and she was
11 on the steering committee for the Chamber's membership drive; and

12 WHEREAS, she has been president, president-elect, and secretary, serving three terms in that
13 role, for the Rotary Club of Effingham County; and

14 WHEREAS, she has served on the United Way of Effingham County advisory board and was
15 named Altrusan of the Year in 1995; and

16 WHEREAS, because of her commitment to Effingham County and belief in its educational
17 system, the *Effingham Herald* began hosting an annual tribute to the county's teachers of the
18 year and publishing a monthly newspaper for kids entitled "Kidsville News"; and

19 WHEREAS, beginning as a part-time column writer at the *Statesboro Herald* in 1972, she
20 worked her way up through many levels and positions to retire in 2015 as an award-winning
21 publisher and respected community leader; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
23 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend Mrs. Karen Tanksley for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public
26 service to the State of Georgia and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued
27 health and happiness.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs. Karen
30 Tanksley.