

Senate Resolution 922

By: Senator Wilkinson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending John and Bobbie Foster for the dedication and service they
2 have provided to the Cornelia radio station, WCON, Habersham County, and the State of
3 Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, as a high school student in the early 1950s, John Foster worked part-time for
5 the newly established Cornelia radio station, WCON; and

6 WHEREAS, after two years in the United States Army, John returned home and purchased
7 a radio station of his own in Sandersville, Georgia, and then another in Washington, Georgia,
8 before eventually owning WCON in Cornelia in 1962; and

9 WHEREAS, at the time the Fosters purchased WCON AM, it was only a 250-watt AM
10 station, and the station went on the air in 1965 as a Class A power station and was later
11 upgraded to a C-2 with 50,000 watts of power in 1989; and

12 WHEREAS, with coverage extending all over North Georgia into metro Atlanta and
13 Greenville, South Carolina, WCON was named the Class A Station of the Year in 1999 by
14 the Georgia Association of Broadcasters; and

15 WHEREAS, they have just recently increased the power for WCON FM to 100,000 watts;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, John and Bobbie's personal involvement in art demonstrates the importance of
18 being an intimate part of and giving back to the community, and not only will you see John
19 and Bobbie at church as well as at community and charitable events, but you will see their
20 children, their grandchildren, and their employees as well, who, through the Fosters, have
21 experienced first-hand the importance of community service and servant leadership; and

22 WHEREAS, John Foster served the State of Georgia as a Senator for the Georgia General
23 Assembly, and his leadership and advocacy for quality public education made him a
24 champion for lifelong learning both in and out of the classroom; and

25 WHEREAS, Bobbie was one of the first women elected to membership in the Cornelia
26 Kiwanis Club where she, naturally, served as the public relations and communications
27 chairperson, and she has continued to serve in a similar role for 39 years.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize and commend John and Bobbie Foster for their commitment to their community
30 and wish them success with their vision for the WCON radio station.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to John and Bobbie
33 Foster.