

Senate Resolution 543

By: Senators Payne of the 54th, Thompson of the 14th, Mullis of the 53rd, Gooch of the 51st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Shaw Industries Group, Inc., on the occasion of its 50th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Shaw Industries Group, Inc., with its headquarters in Dalton, Georgia, was
4 founded in 1967 when a holding company was formed to acquire Philadelphia Carpet
5 Company and over the past 50 years has expanded to become a world-class industry leader
6 supplying carpet, hardwood, laminate, resilient, tile, and stone flooring products and
7 synthetic turf to residential and commercial markets throughout the United States and around
8 the globe; and

9 WHEREAS, Shaw Industries Group, Inc., employs more than 20,000 associates worldwide,
10 including more than 14,000 in Georgia, and has invested more than \$300 million in new
11 facilities and facility expansions in this state over the past five years alone; and

12 WHEREAS, this company has demonstrated an outstanding degree of corporate integrity,
13 innovation, workforce training, and product quality that is the envy of the industry and sets
14 a high standard for the future of manufacturing; and

15 WHEREAS, Shaw Industries Group, Inc., has been a statewide leader in education and
16 workforce development, creating community educational partnerships from reading to
17 robotics, from kindergarten to college, supporting the development of the future workforce
18 of Georgia, and fostering economic development in the communities in which the company
19 operates; and

20 WHEREAS, Shaw Industries Group, Inc., has employed an approach known as "Cradle to
21 Cradle," which focuses on transparency, material health, material reutilization, efficient use
22 of resources, and social responsibility, and operates its processes with the highest degree of
23 commitment to sustainability and worker safety; and

24 WHEREAS, this company and its associates are passionately committed to giving back to
25 their communities through civic involvement, philanthropic giving, volunteering, and cause
26 marketing programs that aim to address the needs of those communities; and

27 WHEREAS, Shaw Industries Group, Inc., is one of the most respected and recognized
28 companies in the world, earning accolades as one of America's Best Large Employers from
29 Forbes Magazine; as one of the Best Places to Work for Recent Grads; as a Top 125 Training
30 Organization; and for its safety and sustainability performance.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize and commend Shaw Industries Group, Inc., for providing jobs to thousands of
33 Georgians and creating wealth for Georgia and its citizens, demonstrating the very highest
34 degree of corporate citizenship, responsibility, and integrity, supporting education and
35 workforce development efforts to ensure students are able to obtain needed skills, exhibiting
36 visionary leadership on sustainability and environmental stewardship, and being a
37 philanthropic leader that gives back and helps its local communities; and extend
38 congratulations to Shaw Industries Group, Inc., and all of its associates on the
39 commemoration of the company's 50th anniversary.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Vance Bell,
42 Chairman and CEO of Shaw Industries Group, Inc.