

Senate Resolution 1023

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Mullis of the 53rd, Gooch of the 51st, Walker III of the 20th and Anderson of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Senator John Wilkinson on his outstanding public service; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Senator John Wilkinson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Wilkinson was first elected to the Georgia State Senate during a special
7 election in 2011 and has been reelected in three subsequent elections; and

8 WHEREAS, he has steadfastly represented Senate District 50, which includes Banks,
9 Franklin, Habersham, Rabun, Towns, and Stephens counties, as well as portions of Hall and
10 Jackson counties; and

11 WHEREAS, in his final term, he served on several Senate committees, including Agriculture
12 and Consumer Affairs, Appropriations, Education and Youth, Natural Resources and the
13 Environment, and Rules; and

14 WHEREAS, as part of the Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee, Senator
15 Wilkinson led the initiative to help farmers in southwest Georgia as they repaired the damage
16 caused by this year's hurricane; and

17 WHEREAS, he has earned numerous awards and honors as a result of his distinguished
18 record of service, including the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Legislative
19 Service Award, the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council Award for Legislative
20 Advocacy, and the Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Outstanding
21 Service Award; and

22 WHEREAS, prior to his service with the Georgia State Senate, Senator Wilkinson served as
23 a program manager at the Georgia Department of Education, where he oversaw the state's
24 agricultural education programs; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Wilkinson has served with honor and distinction with the Georgia State
26 Senate, and his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the occasion
27 of his retirement; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend Senator John Wilkinson for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and
32 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the grand occasion
33 of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and
34 happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Senator John
37 Wilkinson.