

Senate Resolution 343

By: Senator Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Paul Bolster; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Paul Bolster has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of
3 his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state; and

4 WHEREAS, the author of *Saving the Georgia Coast: A Political History of the Coastal*
5 *Marshlands Protection Act*, he received the prestigious 2021 Phillip D. Reed Environmental
6 Writing Award from the Southern Environmental Law Center during the 2021 Virginia
7 Festival of the Book; and

8 WHEREAS, his novel demonstrates his diligence and dedication to his field of interest and
9 chronicles how local residents, wealthy landowners, hunters, fishermen, garden club
10 members, journalists, politicians, and others banded together over 50 years ago to defend
11 Georgia's coastal marshlands; and

12 WHEREAS, having served as a former Georgia state legislator who retired in 1986, his
13 affinity for policy issues persists to this day, as demonstrated by his writing that examines
14 how current policy affects the Georgia coast today; and

15 WHEREAS, his book offers lawmakers a valuable perspective on how to preserve Georgia's
16 fragile coastline ecosystem; and

17 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlemen holds a doctorate in history from the University
18 of Georgia as well as a law degree from Georgia State University, and he has taught
19 American history at Clark Atlanta University for 14 years and worked as a lobbyist for both
20 the Georgia Hospital Association and the American Hospital Association; and

21 WHEREAS, as an outspoken advocate for affordable housing, he ran a Health Care for the
22 Homeless program in Atlanta and served on Governor Nathan Deal's Council on Criminal
23 Justice Reform; and

24 WHEREAS, this remarkable citizen has established a glowing reputation of renown
25 throughout Georgia for his dedication and high ideals; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 extraordinary Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize and commend Paul Bolster for his service to the State of Georgia, congratulate him
30 for earning the 2021 Phillip D. Reed Environmental Writing Award, and extend the most
31 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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