

Senate Resolution 353

By: Senator Jones of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending R. Scott Coleman; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have
3 distinguished themselves as superlative ambassadors for the State of Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, R. Scott Coleman is most assuredly one such outstanding citizen deserving of
5 special recognition; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Scott was born in Jackson, Georgia, on September 18, 1939; a 1958 graduate
7 of Jackson High School, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of
8 Georgia in 1962; and
- 9 WHEREAS, from 1962 to 1966, Scott served as a commissioned officer in the United States
10 Navy during the Vietnam War, a tumultuous time in American history; and
- 11 WHEREAS, at the conclusion of his military service, Scott toured the art museums and
12 treasures of Western Europe, Egypt, and the Middle East for three months; and

13 WHEREAS, Scott spent six years serving as the art director of the Georgia and Mississippi
14 educational television networks before beginning his professional career as a free lance
15 graphic artist and water colorist in 1973; and

16 WHEREAS, Scott has maintained an art studio in the City of Jackson for nearly 50 years,
17 producing hundreds of paintings for corporate and private collections; and

18 WHEREAS, a former president and member of the Georgia and Southern watercolor
19 societies, he was appointed to the Visual Arts Touring Selection Committee for the Southern
20 Arts Federation; and

21 WHEREAS, Scott assisted in the designing of the Rose Garden in the National Garden at the
22 foot of the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C., and in 1974, he was appointed by
23 Governor George Busbee to the Georgia Council for the Arts, where he served for eight
24 years; and

25 WHEREAS, among his many awards, Scott was invited in 1980 to exhibit at the Georgia
26 Festival of Arts in Italy, and from 1996 to 1999, he conducted watercolor workshops in
27 France, Spain, and Italy for the International Artist Club of British Columbia; and

28 WHEREAS, in 1995, Scott, along with Linda Herdina, founded the Jackson-Butts County
29 Council for the Arts, and he has since spearheaded 23 annual fine arts festivals in the City
30 of Jackson and led the establishment of the Council's Permanent Collection, which he
31 continues to curate.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize and commend R. Scott Coleman for his many contributions and extend sincere best
34 wishes for continued health and 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 R. Scott Coleman.