

Senate Resolution 343

By: Senators James of the 28th, Jones II of the 22nd, Harrell of the 40th, Wicks of the 34th, Davenport of the 17th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives lost during the Marsh Landing Dock gangway collapse on Sapelo Island;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the people of Hogg Hummock represent a community of generations bound by
4 a shared history, culture, and the enduring legacy of being one of the last Gullah-Geechee
5 communities in the State of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, on October 19, 2024, the community's annual Cultural Day event turned to
7 sorrow when the gangway at the Marsh Landing Dock collapsed, sending at least 20
8 individuals into the water; and

9 WHEREAS, this devastating event resulted in the tragic loss of Jacqueline Crews Carter, 75,
10 of Jacksonville, Florida; Cynthia Gibbs, 74, of Jacksonville, Florida; Charles L. Houston, 77,
11 of Darien, Georgia; William Johnson Jr., 73, of Atlanta, Georgia; Carlotta McIntosh, 93, of
12 Jacksonville, Florida; Isaiah Thomas, 79, of Jacksonville, Florida; and Queen Welch, 76, of
13 Atlanta, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, the loss of these beloved individuals has left an immeasurable void in their
15 families and the greater community, and their memory will forever be honored by those who
16 knew and cherished them; and

17 WHEREAS, the community of Hogg Hummock, standing united in resilience and strength,
18 remains committed to remembering the lives lost while advocating for lasting change to
19 protect future generations.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 honor the lives lost during the Marsh Landing Dock gangway collapse on Sapelo Island and
22 extend their deepest condolences to the families and individuals affected by this
23 heartbreaking event.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
26 press.