

Senate Resolution 934

By: Senators Still of the 48th, Brass of the 6th, Harbin of the 16th, Albers of the 56th and Anavitarte of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mike Dobbs; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mike Dobbs joined Camp Southern Ground in early 2016, when the
3 organization was still in its infancy, to help bring Zac Brown's bold vision to life; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Camp Southern Ground was built on the vision of a place where children of all
5 abilities could experience the magic of an inclusive summer camp, and where veterans and
6 their families could find renewal, purpose, and growth after extraordinary sacrifice; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mike focused on building a strong and sustainable foundation for the camp,
8 expanding diversified fundraising, developing an independent and high-caliber Board of
9 Directors, cultivating a mission-driven team and culture, and designing and launching
10 transformational programs that would deliver on the camp's promise; and
- 11 WHEREAS, during his tenure, he led the organization to raise over \$77 million to build out
12 the campus and provide mission driven programming; strengthened the organization's
13 governance and credibility; expanded the board to include nationally respected leaders across
14 business, philanthropy, and healthcare; and established Advisory Councils of subject matter
15 experts to deepen strategic guidance and thought leadership; and

16 WHEREAS, most importantly, Mike helped transition Camp Southern Ground's fundraising
17 model from one primarily dependent on its founder to a diversified and sustainable base of
18 corporate, foundation, and family philanthropy - ensuring long-term stability and growth; and

19 WHEREAS, beyond the capital raised, the programs launched, and the accolades earned,
20 Mike considers his proudest accomplishment to be building a curated team of
21 service-oriented, high-impact professionals who care deeply about the mission and an
22 organization that recognizes and leverages the unique strengths of every individual it serves
23 and every individual who serves within it; and

24 WHEREAS, after ten years of leadership, Mike leaves behind not just buildings or programs,
25 but a durable culture, a strengthened institution, and a community positioned to scale and
26 profoundly impact lives for generations to come.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize and commend Mike Dobbs for his dedicated service to Camp Southern Ground
29 and extend their sincere best wishes for his continued health, happiness, and success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mike Dobbs.