

Senate Resolution 603

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Harbin of the 16th, Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, Tate of the 38th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Zac Brown; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Zac Brown, a native Georgian and Grammy award winning artist has dedicated
3 himself to the service of others through his passion for philanthropy; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he began his musical journey by learning to play guitar at the age of eight, a
5 passion that would continue through his time at South Forsyth High School and Lumpkin
6 County High School; and
- 7 WHEREAS, as a young man, he was a camp counselor who was passionate about his
8 campers and viewed each summer as an opportunity to encourage personal growth, faith, and
9 traditional values in each and every camper he mentored; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The Zac Brown Band was graced with commercial success with their first
11 single release, "Chicken Fried"; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he has consistently displayed unfettered patriotism and devotion to our military
13 men and women. His patriotism extends to his promotion of American-made and locally
14 sourced products at his Southern Ground Studio and in his daily life; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Zac, through founding Camp Southern Ground, has fostered an inclusive
16 community for children of all backgrounds with a special focus on children with autism
17 spectrum disorder, learning and attention issues, and social or emotional challenges; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Camp Southern Ground also serves as a place for families of military members
19 to come together as a community; and

20 WHEREAS, the camp sprawls more than 400 acres where it provides extraordinary
21 experiences for children to recognize and magnify the unique gifts within themselves and
22 others in order to profoundly impact the world; and

23 WHEREAS, Camp Southern Ground will provide a space for families of veterans suffering
24 from post-deployment illnesses, such as post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain
25 injury, to enjoy an environment conducive to therapy and rehabilitation; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize and commend Zac Brown for his outstanding philanthropic endeavor in creating
30 Camp Southern Ground to positively impact the lives of innumerable children and their
31 families while promoting American values and respect for our military.

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 Zac Brown.