

Senate Resolution 1004

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Stone of the 23rd, Tillery of the 19th, Shafer of the 48th, Wilkinson of the 50th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Crider Foods; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the legacy of Crider Foods began in 1944 when the parents of CEO and founder
3 Billy Crider entered the food business by opening a fish market in Douglas, Georgia, and
4 through dint of hard work and passion for quality food, steadily expanded their business until
5 eventually opening a large poultry plant, thus creating the area's poultry industry; and

6 WHEREAS, the family sold the plant to Flowers Industries in 1970, and there Billy Crider
7 and his family worked, forming the company's convenience food division, until Billy
8 courageously set off to launch his own company, Crider Foods, in Stillmore, Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, Crider Foods began as a poultry processor but has since evolved into a
10 manufacturer of canned and fully cooked frozen food items; and

11 WHEREAS, after a fire devastated the business in 1999, the plant had to be rebuilt entirely,
12 causing Crider Foods to invest \$50 million to upgrade the new facility with state-of-the-art,
13 fully automated, and safety oriented chicken canning equipment; and because of that
14 investment, today the company's plants produce fully cooked frozen and canned products
15 with each step of the process being completed by automated systems; and

16 WHEREAS, Crider Foods' steadfast commitment to fresh and safe canned foods drives it to
17 exceed government requirements of the seal inspection process; and

18 WHEREAS, the company has thrived so fruitfully under Billy Crider's watchful eye that it
19 now annually produces enough canned products to wrap halfway around the world and Billy
20 hopes to someday make it all the way; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
22 extraordinary company be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize and commend Crider Foods for its many valuable contributions on behalf of the
25 citizens of Georgia and extend best wishes for its continued growth, development, and
26 success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Crider Foods.