

Senate Resolution 963

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th and Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Lorry and Sherrie Schrage, owners/operators of Saul's of
2 Gainesville; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Saul's of Gainesville was founded eight decades ago by Bill and Gussie Schrage
4 after they had escaped the Nazi domination of Europe; and

5 WHEREAS, choosing a convenient storefront on the venerable square of Gainesville, the
6 Schrages opened Saul's as a general merchandise store, but their keen business acumen
7 transformed the store into an upscale women's wear destination that also specialized in
8 children's shoes; and

9 WHEREAS, Saul's flourished as an ideal retail shop for its women's wear, offering
10 accessories such as handbags, jewelry, formalwear, dance wear, resort wear, and more; and

11 WHEREAS, upon returning from college, one of their sons, Lorry, joined the family business
12 alongside his wife, Sherrie, and together they formed the second generation of
13 owners/operators in a time when local shops dominated retail; and

14 WHEREAS, women who purchased formalwear from Saul's often returned to purchase
15 formal attire for their daughters or granddaughters due to the high standard of excellence in
16 products and service offered by the store; and

17 WHEREAS, the Schrage family was admired and appreciated by the community for their
18 deep involvement and leadership in the community's business, civic, philanthropic, cultural,
19 and religious spheres of living; and

20 WHEREAS, the changing habits of retail consumers led to the decision to close Saul's of
21 Gainesville, and thus it is appropriate to celebrate eight decades of brilliant retail business
22 acumen by the Schrage family and to recognize its loyal, well-attired customer base.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize Saul's of Gainesville for its enduring legacy of business, family, and community;
25 congratulate Lorry and Sherrie Schrage upon the grand occasion of their retirement; and
26 extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Lorry and Sherrie
29 Schrage.