

Senate Resolution 618

By: Senator Rhett of the 33rd

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Sweetwater Mission; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Sweetwater Mission has been stabilizing families by preventing hunger and  
3 homelessness while transforming lives through education and employment opportunities  
4 since 1968; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in 1967, Bill Stejback, a retired Army Ranger and Vietnam War veteran,  
6 couldn't find a job when he returned to Austell; and
- 7 WHEREAS, inspired by a mission study at the First Baptist Church in Austell, he decided  
8 to put his free time to good use and volunteered at the local family and children's services  
9 agency and began delivering surplus food to needy families; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was astounded by the needs he encountered and the seed for an all-volunteer,  
11 multicultural, multid denominational, community-based ministry had taken root, the  
12 Community Action Mission Program or C.A.M.P; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in the year following, C.A.M.P. became Sweetwater Mission and for more than  
14 50 years has worked through word and deed addressing the physical, psychological,

15 intellectual, and spiritual needs of others and proving its commitment to bettering the  
16 community; and

17 WHEREAS, it continues to break records regarding food distribution; and

18 WHEREAS, Sweetwater Mission is working on enhancing its Education and Community  
19 Center to help those in need become self-sufficient using various methods of learning and  
20 technology to find jobs that are suitable; and

21 WHEREAS, this fine organization has compiled an unparalleled record of constructive,  
22 compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily through open minds,  
23 open hearts, and open doors; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
25 remarkable and distinguished group be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 recognize and commend Sweetwater Mission for its innumerable good works rendered on  
28 behalf of persons in need and extend their warmest best wishes for its continued growth and  
29 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 Sweetwater  
32 Mission.