

## Senate Resolution 629

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Hill of the 4th, Harbison of the 15th, Butler of the 55th, Unterman of the 45th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending United States Senator John Isakson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Senator John Isakson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
3 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia and the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, John Hardy Isakson was born on December 28, 1944, in Atlanta, Georgia, and  
6 served in the Georgia Air National Guard for six years, where he attained the rank of staff  
7 sergeant; and

8 WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Georgia, he embarked on a career in real  
9 estate with Northside Realty, a company his father helped to establish; he became president  
10 of the company in 1979, a position he held for 22 years, during which time it became the  
11 biggest independent real estate company in the Southeast and one of the largest in the  
12 country; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1976, Senator Isakson was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives  
14 where he served seven terms, four of them as the Republican Minority Leader, and went on  
15 to serve in the Georgia Senate for one term; and

16 WHEREAS, he won his seat in the United States House of Representatives in a 1999 special  
17 election and was re-elected to two more terms; he served on the House Education Committee  
18 and was instrumental in the passage of the No Child Left Behind Act; and

19 WHEREAS, this dedicated public servant was first elected to the United States Senate in  
20 2004, a historic occasion as it marked the first time in Georgia's history that both U.S. Senate  
21 seats had been held by Republicans; and

22 WHEREAS, Senator Isakson was twice more elected to the United States Senate and served  
23 honorably until his resignation in 2019, sponsoring over 130 bills and assuming leadership  
24 roles on issues involving veterans affairs and international trade; and

25 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high  
26 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he has earned a well-deserved  
27 reputation as one of the nation's finest statesmen; and

28 WHEREAS, a resident of Marietta, Georgia, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with  
29 an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

30 WHEREAS, Senator Isakson has served this state and nation with honor and distinction, and  
31 his vision and unyielding commitment have set the standard for public service; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
33 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
35 recognize and commend Senator John Isakson for his inspiring and passionate leadership and  
36 his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and the  
37 United States.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Senator John  
40 Isakson.