

Senate Resolution 196

By: Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Butler of the 55th, Robertson of the 29th, Jones II of the 22nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. John J. (Sean) Martin Jr. for his dedicated service to the Georgia State
2 Senate; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. John J. (Sean) Martin Jr. was born in Austria into a military family of John
4 Sr. (Marty) and Joyce Martin and moved to the United States by ocean liner at the ripe old
5 age of two; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1972, Mr. Martin graduated from Marist High School in Atlanta, Georgia,
7 having distinguished himself at this all-male military school as captain of the Color Guard
8 whose responsibilities included the presentation of the colors on a daily basis and at
9 auspicious events; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin graduated from Georgia State University in 1976 with a bachelor's
11 degree in political science; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin began his service in the Georgia State Senate in the Office of the
13 Secretary of the Senate as a session assistant on "the Crew" in 1978 and served as reading
14 clerk for the Senate; and

15 WHEREAS, his love of the law and legislative process led him to the University of Georgia,
16 where he earned his Doctor of Law in 1984, and to his admittance into the State Bar of
17 Georgia in 1986; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin engaged in the private practice of law in Georgia and has had a
19 profoundly positive effect on the many juvenile offenders that he represented, the judges
20 before whom he has appeared, and the local officials with whom he has worked in the
21 juvenile justice system; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin has taken time away from his son, Tyler; daughter, Shelley; and
23 grandchildren, Luke, Kylie Jane, and McKenna, to serve the legislature; and

24 WHEREAS, he is known for his compassionate nature, willingness to listen, and most
25 importantly, his remarkable dedication to his friends; and

26 WHEREAS, he is beloved and deeply admired by the staff of the Secretary of the Senate and
27 by all who have come into contact with his calm and steady demeanor, his infectious smile,
28 and his quick wit; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin will now be able to focus on his lumber mill, his woodworking, and
30 his twin joys of hiking and exploration as he leads his intrepid crew of Pinewalkers over the
31 many backwoods trails and rivers of Georgia.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that a heartfelt thanks be
33 extended to Mr. John J. (Sean) Martin Jr. with the hope that he enjoys the peace and balance
34 that retirement can bring. We thank him from the bottom of our hearts for being such a

35 special friend and thoughtful co-worker and for each and every way he has influenced our
36 lives through his years of service.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. John J. (Sean)
39 Martin Jr.