

Senate Resolution 839

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Black of the 8th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Senator Johnny Isakson on his retirement after 45 years of
2 public service and commitment to the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Johnny Isakson was born December 28, 1944, in Atlanta, Georgia, and
4 has lived in Georgia since; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Johnny Isakson married his wife Dianne in 1968, and their family has
6 grown to include three children and eight grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, Johnny and Dianne Isakson attend Mount Zion United Methodist Church,
8 where Isakson previously taught as a Sunday school teacher for 30 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Johnny Isakson graduated from the University of Georgia in 1966 and
10 served in the Georgia Air National Guard from 1966 to 1972; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1967, Senator Johnny Isakson began his career by opening Northside Realty,
12 which became the largest independent residential real estate brokerage company in the
13 United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Johnny Isakson has served the State of Georgia since 1974, where he
15 served 17 years in the Georgia State Legislature as a member of both the House and Senate;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, in 1997, Senator Johnny Isakson was appointed by Governor Zell Miller to
18 chair the Georgia Board of Education; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1999, Senator Johnny Isakson was elected to serve Georgia for the first of
20 three terms in the United States House of Representatives; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2004, Senator Johnny Isakson was elected to his first term in the United
22 States Senate; he continued his service in this capacity through reelection in 2010 and 2016;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Johnny Isakson served the veterans of both the State of Georgia and the
25 entire country through his chairmanship of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs for
26 five years; and

27 WHEREAS, Senator Johnny Isakson's business knowledge has represented Georgians on the
28 Finance Committee and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; and

29 WHEREAS, Senator Johnny Isakson has been a vital influence on the country's international
30 relations, serving on the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, where he helped to secure
31 funds for victims of terrorism and championed issues such as foreign assistance reform,
32 global hunger, and protection for Peace Corps volunteers; and

33 WHEREAS, Senator Johnny Isakson has been extremely influential in advocating for
34 patient-focused, quality, affordable health care; and

35 WHEREAS, Senator Johnny Isakson and his wife will continue to reside in metro Atlanta
36 and remain involved members of their community and state; and

37 WHEREAS, Senator Johnny Isakson's service and leadership to the state have provided a
38 model to which this body will continue to aspire.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
40 recognize and commend Senator Johnny Isakson on his retirement after 45 years of dedicated
41 public service to the State of Georgia.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
43 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Senator Johnny
44 Isakson.