

Senate Resolution 11

By: Senators Ginn of the 47th, Miller of the 49th, Harper of the 7th, Hickman of the 4th, Mullis of the 53rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Georgia Recyclers Association, the Georgia Recycling Coalition, and the
2 Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and their employees as essential and commending
3 them for their economic contributions to Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been essential to keep Georgia's
5 manufacturing industry operational; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia's manufacturing industry is a leader in the production of steel, paper
7 and paper products, electronics, aluminum, plastics, textiles, tires, and glass, and it continues
8 to produce these materials and products essential to the citizens of Georgia, the United States,
9 and the world; and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia's manufacturers must have a constant and reliable supply of raw
11 materials in order to produce these materials and products; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia's manufacturers would not have access to needed raw materials without
13 the collection, processing, and manufacturing of recyclable and recovered materials into raw
14 materials by Georgia's recycling industry; and

15 WHEREAS, in recognition of this fact, Georgia's recyclers have been deemed essential
16 businesses and workers from the onset of the pandemic; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia's recyclers have followed all appropriate and required protocols and,
18 as a result, have operated safely, protecting their employees and customers; and

19 WHEREAS, throughout the pandemic, hundreds of thousands of tons of valuable recyclable
20 materials, such as automobiles, scrap metal, electronics, paper, glass, plastics, rubber, and
21 textiles, have been kept out of Georgia's landfills and manufactured into valuable raw
22 materials; and

23 WHEREAS, those raw materials have been used by manufacturers in Georgia and
24 throughout the world to manufacture products from toilet paper to respirators to new
25 automobiles; and

26 WHEREAS, Georgia's recycling industry has provided used auto parts for reuse, allowing
27 Georgia's citizens to safely and economically repair their automobiles and maintain reliable
28 transportation throughout the pandemic; and

29 WHEREAS, Georgia's recycling industry has collected, repaired, and redeployed tens of
30 thousands of mobile technology devices, becoming an alternative supplier to education and
31 corporate entities, facilitating students' remote learning, and supporting our great citizens
32 working from home when international supply chains were disrupted during the pandemic,
33 causing shortages of these devices; and

34 WHEREAS, Georgia's recycling industry has collected, sorted, and reclaimed plastic
35 products and packaging, which could be used as feedstock to manufacture products that
36 enhance hygiene and sanitation, such as disposable hospital gowns and garbage bags; and

37 WHEREAS, Georgia's recycling industry has continued to collect and recycle scrap tires,
38 protecting public health and the environment and producing valuable rubber products such
39 as those used in vital infrastructure projects.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
41 recognize the Georgia Recyclers Association, the Georgia Recycling Coalition, and the
42 Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries as essential businesses and their employees as
43 essential workers necessary for the production and manufacture of goods and products in
44 Georgia and throughout the world.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body commend the Georgia
46 Recyclers Association, the Georgia Recycling Coalition, and the Institute of Scrap Recycling
47 Industries for their role in maintaining the economic viability of the supply chain for
48 Georgia's manufacturers and their employees.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
50 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the members of the
51 Georgia Recyclers Association, the Georgia Recycling Coalition, and the Institute of Scrap
52 Recycling Industries.