

## Senate Resolution 6

By: Senators Cheeks of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Streat of the 19<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret regarding the passing of John R. Martin; and for other purposes.

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3 WHEREAS, John R. Martin will be remembered by his fellow Georgians for his lifelong  
4 passion of promoting railroad passenger service and for his exceptional leadership on  
5 transportation policy at the national, regional, and community levels; and

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7 WHEREAS, Jack developed his love of trains as a lad visiting the Pennsylvania Railroad  
8 station in Philadelphia, and his fascination evolved into a deep commitment to rail service  
9 based upon the environmental and economic benefits of this transportation alternative; and

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11 WHEREAS, as an adult he championed the rail system, serving as chairman of the board and  
12 president of the National Association of Railroad Passengers since 1979 and as the former  
13 chairman of the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority and its representative from the 5<sup>th</sup>  
14 congressional district; and

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16 WHEREAS, he was a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, graduated from Georgia Tech in  
17 mechanical engineering in 1959, earned a law degree from Temple University while working  
18 for DuPont, and moved to Atlanta in 1966 as a patent attorney with Coca-Cola where he  
19 retired as a senior counsel in merchandise licensing in 1995; and

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21 WHEREAS, the extensive knowledge, understanding, and commitment he demonstrated  
22 throughout his advocacy earned him a position of national respect and a network of train  
23 enthusiasts and supporters who valued and admired this distinguished Georgian.

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25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 express their regret at the passing of John R. Martin and convey their sincerest sympathy to  
27 the members of his family.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of John R. Martin.  
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