

Senate Resolution 205

By: Senator Smith of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Llewellyn (Lew) Cordell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Llewellyn (Lew) Cordell is well-known and highly respected as a business,
3 civic, and religious leader in Milledgeville, Georgia, and is remembered as the premier junior
4 college football coach at Georgia Military College (GMC) for 22 years, 1936-1958; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born May 13, 1910, in Hart County, attended Madison A&M prep
6 school where he was coached by the legendary Wallace Butts and won the national Prep
7 Championship, played football at the University of Georgia, 1932-1936, and turned down
8 a career with the Chicago Bears to coach at GMC; and

9 WHEREAS, this terrific coach led his players to 12 state and southeastern regional junior
10 college championships, earned a 118-36-7 career record, had seven players named as junior
11 college All-Americans by the *LA Times*, and was the first eastern coach so honored; and

12 WHEREAS, the Field House Complex at GMC was renamed the Cordell Events Center in
13 1985 to pay tribute to this outstanding coach who has served as a role model to thousands of
14 young men, and he was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 1982; and

15 WHEREAS, he has been a loving husband to Lorena Cordell since 1942 and has served as
16 President of the Progressive Farmers Club, member of the Kiwanis Club, the Rotary Club,
17 and a former member of the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Chamber of Commerce.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes and
19 commends Llewellyn (Lew) Cordell for his distinguished career as the football coach at
20 Georgia Military College and lifelong service to his state and his community.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Llewellyn (Lew) Cordell.