

Senate Resolution 1204

By: Senator Thomas of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Improvement Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World is the
4 largest predominately black fraternal organization in the world and boasts a membership of
5 more than 450,000 with Lodges and Temples in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba,
6 the West Indies, Virgin Islands, Panama, and the Bahamas; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1998, the Elks celebrated the 100th anniversary of its 1898 founding; and

8 WHEREAS, the Elks is an esteemed organization dedicated to promoting the welfare and
9 happiness of its members and to cultivating the ideals of charity, justice, and brotherly love;
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11 WHEREAS, the Elks sponsor extensive educational scholarship programs, youth summer
12 literacy camps, and parades and are generally unequaled in the provision of community
13 service projects throughout the world.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
15 recognize the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, commend its
16 dedication and perseverance in service, and heartily welcome the members to the State of
17 Georgia.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Improved Benevolent and Protective
20 Order of Elks of the World.