

Senate Resolution 285

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th, Chapman of the 3rd, Staton of the 18th and Bulloch of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Rotary International on the 100th Anniversary of its founding; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, is the
4 world's first and one of the largest nonprofit service organizations; and

5 WHEREAS, there are over 1.2 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and
6 business leaders in over 31,000 clubs in more than 165 countries; and

7 WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide
8 humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in
9 the world; and

10 WHEREAS, Rotary funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise
11 to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training, and
12 education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1985, Rotary launched Polio Plus and spearheaded efforts with the World
14 Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to
15 immunize the children of the world against polio; and

16 WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the
17 threshold of eradicating the disease; and

18 WHEREAS, Rotary is the world's largest privately funded source of international
19 scholarships and promotes international understanding through scholarships, exchange
20 programs, and humanitarian grants; and

1 WHEREAS, more than 35,000 students from 110 countries have studied abroad since 1947
2 as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars; and

3 WHEREAS, Rotary's Group Study Exchange program has helped more than 46,000 young
4 professionals explore their career fields in other countries; and

5 WHEREAS, 8,000 secondary school students each year experience life in another country
6 through Rotary's Youth Exchange Program; and

7 WHEREAS, there are over 387,000 Rotary club members in more than 7,700 clubs
8 throughout the United States sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as
9 poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and
10 abroad.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
12 commend Rotary International and Georgia Rotarians in particular for their service to
13 communities worldwide.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
15 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the District Governors of Georgia Rotary
16 Districts 6900, 6910, and 6920.