

Senate Resolution 344

By: Senators Williams of the 19th, Seabaugh of the 28th and Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing 2011 as the Year of Golf in Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia will be the focus of the sport of golf in 2011; and
- 3 WHEREAS, golf has become a major component of Georgia's economy, with an economic
4 impact in 2009 of \$5.1 billion and 57,000 Georgians employed in the golf industry with an
5 annual payroll of \$1.5 billion; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Masters Tournament, golf's first major championship of the year, will be
7 held on April 4-10 at Augusta National Golf Club; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the PGA Championship, the last of the four major championships each year,
9 will be held on August 8-12, 2011, at the Atlanta Athletic Club, home club of the great
10 Bobby Jones; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the Tour Championship, the last big tournament of the year conducted by the
12 PGA Tour, will be held on September 22-25, 2011, at the venerable East Lake Golf Club,
13 where Bobby Jones learned to play golf; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 2011, two of the four major golf championships will be played in the same
15 state in the same year for only the sixth time in history; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the Georgia Cup, a competition between the United States Amateur and the
17 British Amateur champions will be played on March 29 at the Golf Club of Georgia; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the captain of the 2012 United States Ryder Cup team for the competition
19 between the United States and Great Britain/Ireland professional golfers will be Davis Love
20 III, the highly regarded golfer from Sea Island, Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, the captain of the 2011 Solheim Cup matches between the United States and
22 European LPGA members will be Rosie Jones, a resident of Atlanta, Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, the concentration of golf activity in Georgia in 2011 will bring an
24 unprecedented amount of world-wide exposure to this state; and

25 WHEREAS, the Georgia Allied Golf Council, whose members include the Georgia Chapter
26 of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, the Georgia State Golf
27 Association, the Georgia Section of PGA of America, the Georgia Chapter of Club Managers
28 Association of America, and the Georgia Chapter of the National Golf Course Owners
29 Association, is a highly regarded and very strong organization supporting golf in Georgia;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, golf is a tremendous asset to the State of Georgia, impacting quality of life and
32 tourism and strengthening this state's position as a great place to live and do business.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 join in recognizing with pride that 2011 is the Year of Golf in Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the member organizations of the Georgia
37 Allied Golf Council.