

Senate Resolution 220

By: Senators Strickland of the 17th, Jones of the 10th, Williams of the 25th, Harbin of the 16th and Tillery of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the accomplishments of Rusty Strawn as CEO of Strawn &
2 Co. Insurance, an accomplished golfer, and a dedicated family man; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Rusty Strawn is a born and raised Georgian with impeccable southern values
4 from McDonough, Georgia. He spent his youth outdoors enjoying life through activities such
5 as hunting, fishing, playing baseball, and riding his bike; and

6 WHEREAS, Rusty Strawn has dedicated his life to golf, spending countless hours as a youth
7 on the Green Valley golf course practicing to then play on the golf team at McDonough
8 Christian Academy; it was at the McDonough Christian Academy where Mr. Strawn
9 achieved a state championship title his senior year; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1981, Rusty Strawn was named the Atlanta Junior Golf Association's player
11 of the year; he completed several milestones as a college golf athlete at Alexander City
12 Junior College. The team not only made it to the National Junior College Athletic
13 Association Championship but also finished as the runner up; Mr. Strawn then took his golf
14 career to Georgia Southern University, where he held titles of team captain and was a
15 two-time Trans-Atlantic Athletic Conference team member; and

16 WHEREAS, Rusty Strawn embraced his family legacy and carried on his father's work in
17 the family's insurance business, Strawn & Co. Insurance; as the CEO, Mr. Strawn took this
18 third-generation company and grew it into five locations across Georgia. Strawn & Co.
19 Insurance serves over 8,000 families and businesses, and in 2022, it celebrated its 50th
20 anniversary; and

21 WHEREAS, while balancing the needs of his company and family, Rusty Strawn found time
22 to pursue golf; from the late 80s to the early 90s, he won the Georgia State Golf Association
23 Mid-Amateur Championship as well as qualified for multiple United States Amateur
24 Championships, Mid-Amateur Championships, and British Amateur Championships; and

25 WHEREAS, in Rusty Strawn's late 40s, he began to prepare for senior golf, and by the age
26 of 55, he was playing a full senior amateur tournament schedule. Since then, he has won
27 over 15 national tournaments throughout the United States. His greatest accomplishment
28 came in 2022 at the age of 59 when he won the United States Senior Amateur and the
29 Canadian Senior Amateur Championships in back-to-back tournaments. These wins give Mr.
30 Strawn a ten-year exemption into the United States Senior Amateur, the Canadian Senior
31 Amateur, and the British Senior Amateur; and

32 WHEREAS, Rusty Strawn is a dedicated member of the First Baptist Church of
33 McDonough. Rusty Strawn also serves as chairman of the Board at United Community Bank
34 in Southeast Atlanta; furthermore, Mr. Strawn achieved the distinguished Eagle Award at the
35 young age of 18 and now serves as the president of the Flint River Council of Boy Scouts of
36 America.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
38 recognize and commend Rusty Strawn for his many achievements, including three-time

39 Society of Seniors Player of the Year; two-time Golf Week Senior Player of the Year; 2022
40 AmateurGolf.com Senior Player of the Year; 2022 Global Golf Post World Amateur Player
41 of the Year; 2021 and 2022 Global Golf Post World Senior All Amateur 1st Team; winner
42 of over 15 national senior events; represented the United States in the 2022 Concession Cup
43 Real Club Valderrama in Sotogrande, Spain; represented the Eastern United States in the
44 2022 East West Matches at Maridoe Golf Club in Dallas, Texas; and represented Georgia
45 State Golf Association in the 2022 Billy Peters Cup at Glen Arven Country Club in
46 Thomasville, Georgia.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body further recognize and
48 appreciate Rusty Strawn's life achievements as they reflect that of a model Georgian.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
50 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Rusty Strawn.