

## House Resolution 1424

By: Representatives Dreyer of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, Hilton of the 95<sup>th</sup>, and Turner of the 21<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia's family caregivers for individuals with disabilities;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, caregivers, especially parents and family, are responsible for providing care for  
4 the state's population of noninstitutionalized individuals with intellectual and developmental  
5 disabilities; and

6 WHEREAS, the population of Georgians who experience a cognitive delay or a medically  
7 complex disorder exceeds 300,000; and

8 WHEREAS, it is estimated that issues of medical complexity in children account for  
9 one-third of all child health expenditures in Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, roughly 35 percent of care in Georgia is provided by unpaid parents who have  
11 found it necessary to stop working or reduce their hours because of their child's health; and

12 WHEREAS, at least 45 percent of caregivers for children with medically complex disorders  
13 have difficulty obtaining community services; and

14 WHEREAS, this body recommends an increase in support services for those affected by  
15 intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

16 WHEREAS, there are numerous organizations in Georgia actively providing support to, and  
17 raising awareness of, those with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families,  
18 such as Childkind, the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities, Parent to Parent of  
19 Georgia, and The Arc Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the effort, toil, and vital importance of  
21 family caregivers be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body recognize the contributions of Georgia's family caregivers of  
24 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and commend them for their  
25 outstanding service.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 public and the press.