

House Resolution 1604

By: Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Cauble of the 111th, Turner of the 21st, Smith of the 70th, Dempsey of the 13th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the School Social Workers Association of Georgia and recognizing March 22,
2 2018, as School Social Workers Association of Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, each year, thousands of children utilize the services of school social workers,
5 trained professionals who have obtained master's degrees and work to improve the lives of
6 students in Georgia's schools; and

7 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association of Georgia is a nonprofit entity formed
8 in 1978 with 190 members who reside and work across all parts of the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association of Georgia advocates for the needs of
10 all children and families in Georgia by providing access to, and provision of, mental health
11 services; by intervening immediately in both individual as well as school system wide crises;
12 by providing remedies to the barriers of education for homeless youth; and by collaborating
13 with community partners to gain access to resources to improve student achievement in the
14 state's schools; and

15 WHEREAS, the association enhances the human capital of its members through professional
16 development opportunities so that they may better serve Georgia's children and families; and

17 WHEREAS, the association serves its membership by issuing a newsletter, by offering a
18 mentoring program, and by providing opportunities to receive professional learning units and
19 continuing education units at annual conferences; and

20 WHEREAS, its members have a daily and direct impact on the lives of Georgia's children
21 by ensuring that they attend school regularly and possess the resources necessary to learn and
22 thrive; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding contributions of
24 Georgia's school social workers and their commitment to providing crisis and counseling
25 services to Georgia's children and families and for their tireless efforts to improve Georgia's
26 education system by increasing student attendance and the graduation rates of its youth.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend the School Social Workers Association of Georgia and
29 recognize March 22, 2018, as School Social Workers Association of Georgia Day at the state
30 capitol.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 School Social Workers Association of Georgia.