

House Resolution 1643

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#### A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the achievements and capabilities of young Georgians and recognizing  
2 September, 2018, as Georgia Children and Youth Month at the state capitol; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, more than 2.5 million Georgians are under 18 years of age, and today's youth  
5 are tomorrow's leaders; and

6 WHEREAS, the high school graduation rate has risen for five straight years, from 67.4  
7 percent in 2011 to 79.2 percent in 2016; and

8 WHEREAS, children are Georgia's most valuable asset; and Georgia's youth possess  
9 enormous potential, which must be recognized and realized through constructive social  
10 policies; and

11 WHEREAS, giving Georgia's youth the tools they need to succeed pays enormous dividends;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the circumstances of a child's upbringing have a profound impact reaching well  
14 into adulthood and therefore require contributions from all of society; and

15 WHEREAS, the Georgia Legislature is in the unique position to offer its appreciation and  
16 support of the children and youth of Georgia.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
18 the members of this body celebrate the achievements and potential of the more than 2.5  
19 million children and youth in Georgia; recognize September, 2018, as Georgia Children and  
20 Youth Month at the state capitol; and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the  
21 achievements and potential of Georgia's youngest residents.

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