

## House Resolution 1665

By: Representatives Lim of the 98<sup>th</sup>, Lupton of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, Frye of the 122<sup>nd</sup>, Clark of the 108<sup>th</sup>,  
and Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Disability Action Center of Georgia Inc., DBA  
2 disABILITY LINK, for its exceptional service to the disability community in metro Atlanta  
3 and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Disability Action Center of Georgia Inc., DBA disABILITY LINK, was  
5 conceived in 1998 as a Center for Independent Living (CIL) and is one of nine CILs across  
6 the State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, disABILITY LINK was founded on the philosophy of the Independent Living  
8 Movement with the belief that all people with disabilities, regardless of the form of their  
9 disability, have a common history and shared struggle, are part of one community and  
10 culture, and will advance together; and

11 WHEREAS, disABILITY LINK is operated by and for individuals with disabilities with a  
12 board and staff that is reflective of diverse backgrounds, affiliations, and credentials,  
13 ensuring a representation of at least a 51 percent majority of people with disabilities; and

14 WHEREAS, disABILITY LINK promotes the Independent Living philosophy and  
15 emphasizes that people with disabilities are the best experts on their own needs, consumer

16 control, the crucial and valuable perspectives contributed by people with disabilities, equal  
17 opportunity, and the inherent right of those with disabilities to decide how to live, work, and  
18 take part in their communities, especially with regard to services that powerfully affect their  
19 daily lives and access to independence; and

20 WHEREAS, disABILITY LINK has made an impact on the lives of people with disabilities,  
21 their families, and the community; and

22 WHEREAS, CILs were created to be run by and for people with disabilities and offer  
23 support, advocacy, information, and empowerment for the attainment of independence from  
24 a peer viewpoint, a perspective that was previously excluded from participation in the  
25 discussion and execution of services for people with disabilities; and

26 WHEREAS, disABILITY LINK has provided consumers with Independent Living skills  
27 training, peer support, system and individual advocacy, transition services that include youth  
28 to adult life and those living in long-term institutions back into the community of their  
29 choice, peer support, and informational and referral services; and

30 WHEREAS, disABILITY LINK has worked to eliminate architectural, attitudinal, and  
31 communicational barriers; and

32 WHEREAS, disABILITY LINK has been recognized as a leader in creating diverse and  
33 inclusive spaces for all; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the dedicated efforts of disABILITY  
35 LINK, which serves thousands of individuals each year and tirelessly advocates for equality,  
36 be acknowledged for its outstanding contributions to the State of Georgia.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
38 the members of this body recognize and commend the Disability Action Center of Georgia  
39 Inc., DBA disABILITY LINK, for its outstanding contributions to the diverse culture of  
40 metro Atlanta and its service to the community.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
43 Disability Action Center of Georgia Inc., DBA disABILITY LINK.