

House Resolution 208

By: Representatives Dickey of the 140th, Jones of the 25th, England of the 116th, and Nix of the 69th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Georgia School Nutrition Association professionals for their work in serving
2 meals to Georgia's students; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, each year, hundreds of thousands of children and their families rely on and
4 benefit from the services of the local school nutrition staff, who include doctorate, master's
5 level, bachelor's level, and other specialty certified trained professionals working in our
6 Georgia schools; and

7 WHEREAS, founded in 1951, the Georgia School Nutrition Association is a nonprofit
8 professional organization of approximately 5,000 school and food service employees
9 affiliated with the School Nutrition Association, a nonprofit organization with headquarters
10 in Alexandria, Virginia; and

11 WHEREAS, the Georgia School Nutrition Association advocates for the nutritional needs
12 of all school children in Georgia; promotes the availability of high-quality meal services
13 during the day and, in some school systems, after school snacks and supper meals; and
14 collaborates with administrators, educators, community partners, and certain state agencies,
15 such as the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture, to improve student
16 achievement by "Building Healthy Children, Ready to Learn"; and

17 WHEREAS, by feeding children in the schools, Georgia School Nutrition Association
18 members also help improve school attendance, student behavior, and academic achievement;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia School Nutrition Association works to provide members with
21 professional development programs to better serve our Georgia children and families,
22 including topics such as sanitation, safety, nutrition, personnel management, financial
23 accounting, procurement, and institutional food preparation; and

24 WHEREAS, Georgia School Nutrition Association members have a daily and direct impact
25 on the nutritional status of Georgia's children by ensuring that they have access to healthy,
26 high-quality meals; and

27 WHEREAS, Georgia School Nutrition Association members and school nutrition
28 professionals have worked selflessly and tirelessly throughout the pandemic by preparing,
29 delivering, and serving meals to in-person and remote learners, and they have earned a
30 tremendous degree of respect and admiration for their exceptional generosity of time and
31 energy; and

32 WHEREAS, the strength and success of Georgia greatly depends upon remarkable citizens
33 exemplified by nutrition professionals, who consistently come together to answer the calls
34 for aid in times of crisis and ensure the continued well-being of our children.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body recognize the Georgia School Nutrition Association and its
37 members for their work in providing meal services to Georgia's children, functioning as a

38 support system for school educators, and improving Georgia's economy by supporting
39 Georgia's farmers through the procurement of Georgia grown products.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
42 Georgia School Nutrition Association.