

House Resolution 226

By: Representatives Wilson of the 80th, Kelley of the 16th, Burnough of the 77th, Cheokas of the 138th, and Scott of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Association of Educators upon the occasion of its 154th
2 anniversary, recognizing February 25, 2021, as GAE Day at the state capitol, and recognizing
3 February 22-26, 2021, as Public Schools Week in Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, its antecedent organizations, the Georgia Education Association and the
5 Georgia Teachers and Education Association, were founded respectively in 1867 and 1878
6 in Atlanta, Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, the merger of the two organizations created the Georgia Association of
8 Educators (GAE) on May 9, 1970; and

9 WHEREAS, for 154 years, GAE has faithfully represented the interests of public educators,
10 their students, public schools, and communities; and

11 WHEREAS, the motto for the organization, "We exist to support, protect, and strengthen
12 those who nurture Georgia's children," is a true descriptor of the history and mission of GAE;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, classroom teachers, students (college education majors), administrators, higher
15 education faculty, school support personnel (counselors, media specialists, psychologists,
16 etc.), and non-certificated personnel (bus drivers, custodians, cafeteria workers, etc.)
17 throughout Georgia are members and will be virtually present at the state capitol on February
18 25, 2021, for the association's annual day at the capitol; and

19 WHEREAS, GAE and other education organizations across this state and country are
20 observing Public Schools Week during February 22-26, 2021; and

21 WHEREAS, public schools educate nine of every ten students, and public education has
22 lifted generations of people out of poverty and given many the opportunity to pursue
23 fulfilling career paths; and

24 WHEREAS, nationwide, Public Schools Week honors the 50.8 million students; 3.2 million
25 teachers; and hundreds of thousands of specialists, administrators, and support staff working
26 in public schools today.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend the Georgia Association of Educators upon the occasion
29 of its 154th anniversary; recognize February 25, 2021, as GAE Day at the state capitol; and
30 recognize February 22-26, 2021, as Public Schools Week in Georgia.

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 Georgia Association of Educators.