

House Resolution 573

By: Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Burnough of the 77th, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, and Barnes of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending the 2023 Georgia Single Parent Legacy Builders Award
2 finalists, the 2023 Georgia Single Parent Overcomer Founder Award finalists, and the 2023
3 Georgia Single Parent Ruth Brewster Endurance Award recipient for their accomplishments;
4 and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, in recognition of the many single parents in Georgia, House Resolution 279 was
6 signed into law and both The National Leadership Group Inc. and former State
7 Representative Valencia Stovall identified the need to create an annual award event in 2019
8 to recognize the dedication and achievements of single parents; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Single Parent Legacy Builders Award is presented annually to
10 recognize the dedication and achievement of single parents regardless of gender, cultural
11 diversity, or economic status; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Single Parent Overcomer Founder Award was established in 2022
13 by former State Representative Valencia Stovall to recognize single parents who overcome
14 tremendous obstacles in order to give their children the ability to succeed and excel; and

15 WHEREAS, the Ruth Brewster Endurance Award was established in 2023 by Mother Ruth
16 Brewster to recognize single parents who endure through many challenges in order to ensure
17 their children thrive in a loving environment to succeed; and

18 WHEREAS, thirty-four nominated single parents will be honored at the 2023 Georgia Single
19 Parent Legacy Builders Award event, and the following outstanding single parents are
20 finalists: Courtney Mills of Ellenwood in the Arts and Entertainment category; Clarisse
21 Frazier of Riverdale in the Business category; Marquitta Rucker of Augusta and CreZetta
22 Stokes of Evans in the Community Service category; Dr. Avona McHoney of Fairbun and
23 Aurdrea Evans of Augusta in the Education category; and Brittany Brewster of Atlanta in
24 the Medical and Health category; and

25 WHEREAS, the 2023 Georgia Single Parent Overcomer Founder Award recipients are
26 Armesha Jackson of Hampton and Tavaris Jackson of Forest Park; and

27 WHEREAS, the 2023 Georgia Single Parent Ruth Brewster Endurance Award recipient is
28 Salena Meyers of East Point; and

29 WHEREAS, parents must invest immeasurable amounts of time, energy, and devotion when
30 raising their children in order to provide them with the love, support, and guidance required
31 to become responsible, productive, and successful adults; and

32 WHEREAS, the responsibility of raising children in today's society is particularly difficult
33 when it falls on the shoulders of a single parent; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that outstanding accomplishments of these
35 remarkable and distinguished individuals be appropriately recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body congratulate and commend the 2023 Georgia Single Parent Legacy
38 Builders Award finalists, the 2023 Georgia Single Parent Overcomer Founder Award
39 finalists, and the 2023 Georgia Single Parent Ruth Brewster Endurance Award recipient for
40 their exemplification of single parent role models and extend most sincere best wishes for
41 their future successes.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to each
44 of the recipients named herein.