

## Senate Resolution 175

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Unterman of the 45th, Davenport of the 44th, Fort of the 39th, Carter of the 42nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta on its tenth  
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, with the mission to spark imagination and inspire discovery and learning for all  
4 children through the power of play, Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta, which  
5 opened its doors on March 1, 2003, has provided significant contributions to the community  
6 and the State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, it began as a grassroots effort by a group of parents and community volunteers  
8 who believed a hands-on, interactive children's museum would be good for the city of  
9 Atlanta and the surrounding region; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1988 this group of outstanding citizens created a Museum Without Walls,  
11 the pioneering model in the children's museum field, and Exhibience, a program that  
12 provided children with thematic, multidisciplinary, and interactive learning; and

13 WHEREAS, due to the amazing success of the Museum Without Walls, Atlanta was ready  
14 to begin building Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta on Centennial Olympic  
15 Park; and

16 WHEREAS, the museum has welcomed over one million visitors and has led countless  
17 children from over 750 area schools in creative and educational field trip programs; and  
18 Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta has offered tens of thousands of  
19 underprivileged individuals free admission, keeping its roots alive through extensive  
20 outreach programs in underserved Atlanta neighborhoods; and

21 WHEREAS, this innovative museum, which has presented three new exhibit experiences  
22 each year, started "The Imaginators," a troupe of professional actors who perform daily and

23 launched The Imagine It! Express, a bio-friendly bus that brings children who do not have  
24 transportation to the museum; and

25 WHEREAS, sparking discovery and learning for children, parents, grandparents, caregivers,  
26 and teachers through the power of play, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Imagine It!  
27 The Children's Museum of Atlanta be recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 commend Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta on its outstanding accomplishments  
30 and congratulate it on its ten years of contributions to the community and the State of  
31 Georgia.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Imagine It! The Children's Museum of  
34 Atlanta.