

Senate Resolution 335

By: Senators Millar of the 40th, Bethel of the 54th, Unterman of the 45th and Henson of the 41st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing February 26, 2013, as Children's Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the future of Georgia depends on the ability of today's children to grow into
3 productive earners, loving parents, engaged citizens, and visionary leaders; and
- 4 WHEREAS, all children, especially children in foster care, with disabilities or health
5 challenges, or without family guidance, need resources and encouragement from the
6 community to achieve success; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Georgia's children continue to struggle to meet high standards of health,
8 education, family stability, and employability and to compete nationally and internationally;
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, one in four children in Georgia live in poverty, and 59 percent of students
11 qualify for free and reduced-price lunches, increasing by 9 percent since 2007; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Georgia state agencies, including the Departments of Community Health,
13 Public Health, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Early Care and Learning,
14 Education, Human Services, and Juvenile Justice and the Governor's Office for Children and
15 Families, are setting higher goals for improving the lives of children and collaborating more
16 closely to achieve their goals; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Voices for Georgia's Children, a nonprofit organization, has convened
18 child-serving and child advocacy organizations for Children's Day at the capitol to encourage
19 lawmakers to recognize the impact of public policy and programs on all aspects of child
20 well-being; and

21 WHEREAS, the goal of Children's Day is to increase the commitment of all Georgians to
22 children and children's issues by providing current research, information, and policy
23 suggestions through a celebratory day-long event at the state capitol.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize February 26, 2013, as Children's Day at the capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Voices for Georgia's Children.