

Senate Resolution 50

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Kennedy of the 18th, Brass of the 28th, Miller of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Together Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Together Georgia is a nonprofit alliance of service providers located statewide
3 that provides services and care to Georgia's most vulnerable children and their families; and
- 4 WHEREAS, along with its predecessor organization, the Georgia Association of Homes and
5 Services for Children, Together Georgia has served as a champion of Georgia's most
6 vulnerable children and their families for more than 50 years; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Together Georgia's partners provide family preservation and support programs,
8 education programs, psychiatric residential treatment facilities, adoption and maternity
9 homes, family foster care, therapeutic foster care, community group homes, emergency care,
10 outdoor therapeutic programs, and independent living and after-care programs for children
11 and youth aging out of the state's system; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Together Georgia advocates for its partners to help stretch and seek new,
13 valuable resources for these services so as to provide care and services to Georgia's abused
14 and neglected children; and

15 WHEREAS, Together Georgia consistently participates and collaborates with state agencies
16 and other nonprofits to facilitate improving services and programs for children, youth, and
17 families; and

18 WHEREAS, Together Georgia seeks to provide its member entities with research and
19 information on current issues, best practices, and trends in child welfare; administrative
20 office solutions and purchasing resources; and professional development for its partners; and

21 WHEREAS, Together Georgia educates and trains provider organizations by working with
22 them to address issues involving Georgia's Medicaid system and assisting them with schools
23 on their sites and the requirements for those facilities to operate; and

24 WHEREAS, Together Georgia hosts the Georgia Children and Families Conference, a forum
25 that gives provider partners and those working in child welfare information regarding trends
26 that impact the provision of services to children and families; and

27 WHEREAS, the forum also provides entities and individuals with an opportunity to meet
28 with care management organizations that provide healthcare to Georgia's children, state
29 agencies such as the Division of Family and Children Services and the Departments of
30 Community Health and Juvenile Justice, providers, and many others who are interested in
31 child welfare issues; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished organization, its staff,
33 its partner entities, and its volunteers be appropriately recognized for their dedication and
34 efforts to better the lives of Georgia's children, youth, and families.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 recognize Together Georgia, its staff, its provider partners, and its volunteers and convey the
37 heartiest commendations for their past, present, and future work on behalf of children, youth,
38 and families in this state.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Together Georgia.