

Senate Resolution 544

By: Senators Butler of the 55th and Seay of the 34th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Trinity Girls Network; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Trinity Girls Network, founded in July, 2016, by Outstanding Georgia Citizen
3 Award winner, Dr. Jacqueline Mohair, strives to empower girls and young women through
4 education, entrepreneurship, and technology and by using a trinity approach: ending violence
5 against girls and women, preparing girls for success, and providing opportunity through
6 education; and

7 WHEREAS, globally, 65 million girls and young women are not in school, 31 million girls
8 of primary school age are not in school, and 33 million fewer girls than boys attend primary
9 school; sadly, 17 million of these girls will never attend school in their lifetimes; and

10 WHEREAS, there are more than 120 million young people between the ages of 15 and 24
11 cannot read or write, 61 percent of this group being women; and

12 WHEREAS, one-half of the children who are not in school live in conflict-ridden areas, and
13 girls make up 55 percent of this total; and

14 WHEREAS, nearly 70 million children worldwide do not have access to a basic education;
15 more than one-half are girls, and evidence shows that educating a girl can break a cycle of
16 poverty in just one generation; and

17 WHEREAS, girls with an extra year of education can earn 20 percent more as an adult, and
18 a child born to a mother who can read and write is 50 percent more likely to survive past the
19 age of five; moreover, educated mothers are more than twice as likely to send their children
20 to school; and

21 WHEREAS, girls who get an education marry later, have fewer children, earn higher wages,
22 and support healthier and more prosperous families, and the empowerment of and investment

23 in girls are key factors in breaking the cycle of discrimination and violence and instrumental
24 in promoting and protecting the full and effective enjoyment of their human rights; and

25 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is blessed with hundreds of gifted girls and young women
26 whose full potential has yet to be fostered and developed; and

27 WHEREAS, education is the key to the empowerment of this state's girls and young women
28 and plays a vital role in shaping tomorrow's leaders.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize and commend the vast efforts of the Trinity Girls Network.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Trinity Girls
33 Network.