

## Senate Resolution 553

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Watson of the 1st, Walker III of the 20th, Dugan of the 30th and Martin of the 9th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Together Georgia and recognizing January 29, 2020, as Together Georgia Day  
2 at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Together Georgia is a state-wide nonprofit "alliance of service providers" that  
4 provides services and care to Georgia's most vulnerable children and their families; and

5 WHEREAS, Together Georgia with its predecessor organization, the Georgia Association  
6 of Homes and Services for Children, has for more than 50 years been a champion for  
7 Georgia's most vulnerable children and their families; and

8 WHEREAS, Together Georgia's partners provide family preservation and support programs,  
9 education programs, psychiatric residential treatment facilities, adoption and maternity  
10 homes, family foster care, therapeutic foster care, community group homes, emergency care,  
11 outdoor therapeutic programs, and independent living and after-care programs for children  
12 and youth aging out of the state's system; and

13 WHEREAS, Together Georgia advocates for its partners to help stretch, and to seek new,  
14 valuable resources for these services so as to provide care and services to Georgia's abused  
15 and neglected children; and

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, Together Georgia hosts the Georgia Children and Families Conference to better  
27 inform its provider partners and those working in child welfare of trends impacting the  
28 provision of services to children and families and to provide entities and individuals with an  
29 opportunity to meet with care management organizations providing health care to Georgia's  
30 children; state agencies including the Division of Family and Children Services, the  
31 Department of Community Health, and the Department of Juvenile Justice; providers; and  
32 many others who are interested in child welfare issues; and

33 WHEREAS, Together Georgia is a servant leader that provides help to those many would  
34 consider as the least of these so that they may have opportunities to become the greatest of  
35 these; and

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

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
40 extend a warm greeting to Together Georgia and its staff, provider partners, and volunteers;  
41 commend the organization's work on behalf of children, youth, and their families; and  
42 recognize January 29, 2020, as Together Georgia Day at the state capitol.

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