

Senate Resolution 576

By: Senator Shafer of the 48th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, pursuing a college degree is the goal of many students in our nation and our  
4 state, and colleges and universities provide courses of study for students to achieve their  
5 dreams; and

6 WHEREAS, the Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities is an organization  
7 of accredited private postsecondary schools, institutes, colleges, and universities that provide  
8 career-specific educational programs; and

9 WHEREAS, the APSCU member institutions across the nation number more than 1,450,  
10 including 40 in Georgia, and provide courses of study in more than 200 occupational fields,  
11 promoting access to career education and workforce development; and

12 WHEREAS, in Georgia, nearly 125,000 students are enrolled in accredited private sector  
13 colleges and universities; and

14 WHEREAS, students enrolled in private sector colleges represent a diverse group that  
15 includes a higher percentage of women, African Americans, and Latinos compared to all  
16 postsecondary institutions in this state; and

17 WHEREAS, during the 2010-2011 academic year, private sector colleges and universities  
18 conferred 10,622 certificates and 7,701 degrees in Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, of the total number of degrees conferred in Georgia, private sector colleges and  
20 universities awarded 15 percent of associate's degrees, 6 percent of bachelor's degrees, 12  
21 percent of master's degrees, and 8 percent of doctorate degrees.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 recognize and commend the Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities for their  
24 critical role in increasing the number of college graduates and providing programs of study  
25 that benefit the diverse students of Georgia in their pursuit to achieve training and knowledge  
26 for a successful future.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Association of Private Sector  
29 Colleges and Universities.