

Senate Resolution 61

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Harrell of the 40th, Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 42nd, Anderson of the 43rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the School Social Workers Association of Georgia for its work; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, each year, thousands of children and their families utilize the services of school
4 social workers, who are master's-level trained professionals working in our Georgia schools;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association of Georgia, a nonprofit entity formed
7 in 1978, has more than 200 members who reside in and work across all parts of our state; and

8 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association of Georgia advocates for the needs of
9 all children and families in Georgia by providing access to mental health services,
10 intervening with immediate responses to crises both individually and school system wide,
11 supplying remedies to the impediments of education for homeless youth, and collaborating
12 with community partners to gain access to resources and improve student achievement in our
13 schools; and

14 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association of Georgia's members work toward
15 removing students' barriers to learning by utilizing interventions to improve school

16 attendance, behavior, and academic achievement; mobilizing family, school, and community
17 resources to enable a child to learn as effectively as possible; alleviating stress by making
18 connections for students, family, and school staff with appropriate interventions; providing
19 crisis intervention services; assessing students with mental health concerns and making
20 referrals where appropriate; identifying and reporting child abuse and neglect; conducting
21 home visits; enhancing the professional capacity of school personnel; and assisting in
22 implementing multi-tiered supports in schools; and

23 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association of Georgia works to enhance its
24 membership to better serve our Georgia children and families through professional
25 development opportunities; and

26 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association of Georgia's members have a daily and
27 direct impact on the lives of Georgia's children by ensuring that they attend school regularly,
28 and they have worked tirelessly to assist students even during a pandemic.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize the School Social Workers Association of Georgia and its members for their work
31 in providing crisis and counseling services to Georgia's children and their families and
32 improving Georgia's education system, including better student attendance and graduation
33 rates of its youth.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the School Social
36 Workers Association of Georgia.