

Senate Resolution 610

By: Senators Strickland of the 17th, Dugan of the 30th and Miller of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the State YMCA of Georgia and its Center for Civic
2 Engagement and "Y" Club programs which sponsor Youth Assembly among other programs
3 that cultivate youth civic engagement; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the State YMCA of Georgia's Youth Assembly is a model state legislature for
5 high school students in which students serve as legislators, justices, attorneys, press corps
6 members, and lobbyists; and

7 WHEREAS, participants in the Youth Assembly may run for the offices of Youth Governor,
8 Lt. Governor, and Speaker of the House; and

9 WHEREAS, students participating in the Youth Assembly are also given the opportunity to
10 explore the role the media play in government by participating in the production of a daily
11 newspaper; and

12 WHEREAS, established in 1946, the Youth Assembly conference takes place in the historic
13 halls of the Georgia State Capitol, providing participants with an experience of a lifetime;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, this year, the Youth Assembly celebrates its 76th anniversary, and the State
16 YMCA of Georgia celebrates over 91 years of excellence and tradition; and

17 WHEREAS, the 75th Youth Assembly was made up of many bright and eager young leaders,
18 including Youth Governors Jake Gant and Haseeb Khalid, Lt. Governors Maggie Allen and
19 Evan Frey, Speakers of the House Sawyer Bradford and Nicolas Byrd, Presidents Pro Tem
20 Brody Kinsey and Katherine Temple, Speakers Pro Tem of the House Levi Bell and Jasmin
21 Elphic, Chief Justices Valeria Notte and Jai Shy, Secretary of the Senate Lipi Desai and
22 Shaan Prasad, Senate Floor Leader Sarah Beth James and Lily Kashmar, Clerk of the House
23 Jaci Morgan and Abby Reasor, House Floor Leader Kice Sumner and Kylie Wood; and

24 WHEREAS, the Youth Assembly allows students to experience firsthand the excitement and
25 importance of the legislative process and better understand the complexity of the lawmaking
26 process in this state.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize and commend the State YMCA of Georgia and its Center for Civic Engagement
29 and "Y" Club programs which sponsor Youth Assembly among other programs that cultivate
30 youth civic engagement.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Secretary of the Senate is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 State YMCA of Georgia.