

Senate Resolution 960

By: Senator Tippins of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) and the Georgia
2 Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL) and recognizing February 16, 2016, as PAGE
3 and GAEL Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) is the state's largest
5 organization for professional educators with more than 86,000 members who are teachers,
6 administrators, and support personnel employed in every school system in Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, PAGE was founded in the 1970s with the mission to make Georgia a better
8 place for students to learn and for teachers to teach; and the PAGE Foundation sponsors the
9 Academic Bowl for Middle Grades, the Georgia Academic Decathlon for high school
10 students, and STAR, the Student and Teacher Achievement Recognition program; and

11 WHEREAS, PAGE has promoted teaching as a profession by sponsoring local chapters of
12 the Future Georgia Educators in middle and high schools across the state and student PAGE
13 groups (SPAGE) on the campuses of colleges and universities throughout Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, PAGE has adopted its mission and core business to provide professional
15 learning to enhance competence and confidence, build leadership, and increase student
16 achievement; and

17 WHEREAS, PAGE actively participates in the legislative process each year, working to
18 improve education and student achievement while promoting a positive and professional
19 working relationship with legislative representatives across the state; and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL) is the organization that
21 provides unity of school leadership groups in Georgia, and it is a state-wide "umbrella"
22 organization composed of six professional affiliate associations for school leaders; and

23 WHEREAS, the mission of GAEL is to improve public education in Georgia through high
24 quality leadership development, advocacy, and a resource network for educational leaders;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, on February 16, 2016, local PAGE and GAEL leaders will gather at the state
27 capitol to meet with their local legislative delegation on behalf of Georgia educators.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend the Professional Association of Georgia Educators and the Georgia Association
30 of Educational Leaders for their contributions to education and educators and recognize
31 February 16, 2016, as PAGE and GAEL Day at the state capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Professional
34 Association of Georgia Educators and the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders.