

House Resolution 1049

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Mathiak of the 74th, Houston of the 170th, Anulewicz of the 42nd, Gambill of the 15th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Together Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Together Georgia is a nonprofit "alliance of children and family service
3 providers"; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Together Georgia serves as a voice for Georgia's vulnerable children and their
5 families; advocates on behalf of its members; provides education and training to its members;
6 and elevates its members' work in their communities; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Together Georgia uses its extensive number of members located statewide to
8 serve as a leader in Georgia's child and family welfare policymaking; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Together Georgia's network provides family preservation and support programs,
10 education programs, psychiatric residential treatment facilities, adoption and maternity
11 homes, family foster care, therapeutic foster care, community group homes, emergency care,
12 outdoor therapeutic programs, and independent living and after care programs for children
13 and youth aging out of the state's system; and

14 WHEREAS, Together Georgia consistently participates and collaborates with state agencies
15 and other non-profits to facilitate improving services and programs for children, youth, and
16 their families; and

17 WHEREAS, Together Georgia utilizes its voice to address providers' concerns involving
18 Georgia's Medicaid system, including working with the care management organizations to
19 collaborate with the Department of Education to mitigate concerns around funding for
20 educational instruction to children entrusted in their members' care; to address the
21 Department of Human Services' requirements for licensure of members' facilities to operate
22 and serve Georgia's most vulnerable children; to facilitate conversations, ideas, and proposals
23 around mental health services to children and their families through the Department of
24 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; and to seek opportunities for youth
25 involved with the Department of Juvenile Justice through programming for those youth in
26 the community supports program; and

27 WHEREAS, Together Georgia seeks to provide to its members research and information on
28 current issues, best practices, and trends in child welfare, administrative office solutions and
29 purchasing resources, and professional development for its partners; and

30 WHEREAS, Together Georgia annually hosts the Georgia Children and Families
31 Conference, a forum to help provider partners and those working in child welfare and to
32 provide information about trends impacting the provision of services to children and families;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
35 distinguished organization, its staff, its partner entities, and volunteers be appropriately

36 recognized for their dedication and work to better the lives of Georgia children, youth, and
37 their families.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body recognize Together Georgia, its staff, its provider partners, and its
40 volunteers and convey to them this legislative body's heartiest commendation for their past,
41 present, and future work on behalf of children and youth and their families in this state.

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