

House Resolution 1053

By: Representatives Paris of the 142nd, Stinson of the 150th, Gladney of the 130th, Glaize of the 67th, and Barnes of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

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

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

6 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association of Georgia is a nonprofit entity that was
7 formed in 1978 to help children and families access resources needed to allow children to
8 thrive and learn; and

9 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association is a nonprofit association with more
10 than 300 members statewide; and

11 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association of Georgia advocates for the needs of
12 all Georgia's children in public schools and their families by providing access to and
13 provision of mental health services; intervenes with immediate response to crises
14 individually as well as school-system-wide; provides a remedy to the impediments of

15 education for homeless youth; and collaborates with community partners to gain access to
16 resources towards the end of improving student achievement in schools; and

17 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association of Georgia's members strive to remove
18 student barriers to learning by utilizing interventions to improve school attendance, behavior,
19 and academic achievement; mobilizing family, school, and community resources to enable
20 a child to learn as effectively as possible; alleviating stress by making connections for
21 students, family, and school staff with appropriate interventions; providing crisis intervention
22 services; assessing students with mental health concerns and making referrals where
23 appropriate; identifying and reporting child abuse and neglect; conducting home visits;
24 enhancing the professional capacity of school personnel; and assisting in implementing
25 multi-tiered supports in schools; and

26 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association of Georgia's members have a daily,
27 direct impact on the lives of Georgia's children in public schools by ensuring that they attend
28 school regularly and are available to learn and have worked tirelessly to assist students as
29 mental health challenges have increased since the pandemic.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend the School Social Workers Association
32 of Georgia and its members for their work done to help provide crisis and counseling
33 services to Georgia's children and their families as well as to improve Georgia's education
34 system, including better student attendance and graduation rates.

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