

House Resolution 203

By: Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Hawkins of the 27th, Buckner of the 137th, Taylor of the 173rd, and Dempsey of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Youth Villages; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Youth Villages was founded in 1986 and has built a national reputation for
3 radically improving the lives of America's children, families, and young adults; and

4 WHEREAS, Youth Villages is recognized as a leader in providing, partnering with others,
5 and advocating for innovative, evidence-based, family-focused program models and services
6 designed to preserve and restore families as well as help children reach for their dreams,
7 bettering the lives of more than 43,000 youth annually in 27 states and the District of
8 Columbia across 102 locations in 2024; and

9 WHEREAS, the mission of Youth Villages is to "help children and families live
10 successfully," and the organization adheres to its values, including that "kids' needs come
11 first...always," believing that every child should have the resources and opportunities they
12 need; and

13 WHEREAS, Youth Villages began its operations in Georgia in 2009, marking 15 years of
14 service in the state in 2024, during which it helped more than 5,500 children, families, and
15 young adults; and

16 WHEREAS, Youth Villages serves Georgia's children and their families through its Inner
17 Harbour Campus, a psychiatric residential treatment facility in Douglasville, and it is
18 elevating residential services in the state with \$70 million in new construction and
19 renovations at the facility; and

20 WHEREAS, Youth Villages provides community-based services in the metro Atlanta area
21 through its Intercept program, an integrated intensive in-home program proven to safely
22 prevent children from entering foster care or to reunite families quickly when out-of-home
23 care is required, and through its LifeSet model, which serves as a bridge to successful
24 adulthood for young people who have experienced foster care or other childhood trauma; and

25 WHEREAS, Youth Villages has been honored by numerous organizations and agencies,
26 including being certified as a Great Place to Work and recognized by the White House as a
27 "high-impact, results-oriented organization"; and

28 WHEREAS, Youth Villages partners with the Georgia Departments of Behavioral Health
29 and Developmental Disabilities, Community Health, Education, and Human Services to
30 serve Georgia's children, families, and young adults; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
32 distinguished organization, its staff, and its volunteers be appropriately recognized for their
33 dedication and work to better the lives of Georgia's children, young adults, and their families.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body congratulate Youth Villages, its staff, and its volunteers and
36 convey to them this legislative body's heartiest commendation for their past, present, and

37 future work on behalf of children, youth, and their families in this state and throughout our
38 nation.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Youth
41 Villages.