

House Resolution 226

By: Representatives Anulewicz of the 42nd, Dempsey of the 13th, Sainz of the 180th, Oliver of the 82nd, Cameron of the 1st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia (SILCGA) is a private
4 nonprofit corporation that is governed by people from across the state with all types of
5 disabilities; and

6 WHEREAS, SILCGA was created through amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,
7 which require states, including Georgia, to establish Statewide Independent Living Councils
8 to provide guidance for the development and expansion of independent living programs; and

9 WHEREAS, the role of SILCGA is to identify any societal barriers to independent living and
10 to collaborate with its Centers for Independent Living, Vocational Rehabilitation Services,
11 and other related entities to remove those barriers and increase supports and needed services;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, SILCGA is also charged with developing the State Plan for Independent Living
14 as required by federal law; and

15 WHEREAS, SILCGA's Centers for Independent Living, staffed by individuals with
16 disabilities, provide resources to individuals in their communities, and these centers are
17 serving Athens, Augusta, Bainbridge, Columbus, Demorest, Macon, Rome, Savannah,
18 Tucker, and their surrounding regions; and

19 WHEREAS, SILCGA's activities include sponsoring public meetings and hearings for
20 educational and outreach efforts so as to promote and provide information to the public, state
21 agencies, and local organizations as well as to individuals; and

22 WHEREAS, SILCGA also conducts studies and research relevant to the needs of individuals
23 with disabilities; and

24 WHEREAS, SILCGA focuses on a number of issues in its mission, which include elevating
25 people with disabilities into more leadership roles; increasing positive perceptions of people
26 with disabilities; providing information so individuals can be informed and proactive on
27 issues; assuring use of personal assistance services; promoting visitable housing; funding to
28 retrofit housing to become more accessible; advancing accessible public transit; ensuring
29 equal opportunities to education; improving access to quality healthcare and insurance;
30 increasing access to technology; and expanding availability of information sources, including
31 alternative formats and interpreter services.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize the Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia
34 for its service to Georgians living with disabilities and their families.

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 Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia.