

Senate Resolution 1238

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Unterman of the 45th and Martin of the 9th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and honoring Rainbow Village; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Rainbow Village is a transitional housing community for homeless families  
3 with children in North Metro Atlanta; and
- 4 WHEREAS, most of the heads-of-household at Rainbow Village are women who have fled  
5 domestic violence and poverty; and
- 6 WHEREAS, its vision is to become a national model for breaking the cycles of  
7 homelessness, poverty, and domestic violence by employing an educational and holistic  
8 approach; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Rainbow Village's mission is to transform the lives of homeless families with  
10 children in North Metro Atlanta through a community based, transitional housing program  
11 that promotes self-sufficiency; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Rainbow Village embodies the phrase, "it takes a village"; it has created a true  
13 "village" model wherein homeless families with children can find refuge, recover, and learn  
14 to rebuild their lives with the love and support of a community based family surrounding  
15 them; and
- 16 WHEREAS, instead of a quick fix in times of crisis, its program offers long-term solutions  
17 through support services for the whole family; and
- 18 WHEREAS, since 1991, more than 800 individuals have transitioned from homelessness  
19 back to a life of self-sufficiency as a result of Rainbow Village's work.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 recognize and honor Rainbow Village for its tireless work in helping homeless families with  
22 children regain self-sufficiency and wish it continued success.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
24 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Rainbow Village.