

Senate Resolution 171

By: Senators Bethel of the 54th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Parent of the 42nd, Miller of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the State YMCA of Georgia and its Center for Civic
2 Engagement and "Y" Club programs which sponsor Youth Assembly among other programs
3 that cultivate youth civic engagement; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the State YMCA of Georgia's Youth Assembly is a model state legislature for
5 high school students in which students serve as legislators, justices, attorneys, and lobbyists;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, participants in the Youth Assembly may run for the offices of Youth Governor,
8 Lt. Governor, and Speaker of the House; and

9 WHEREAS, students participating in the Youth Assembly are also given the opportunity to
10 explore the role the media plays in government by participating in the production of a daily
11 newspaper; and

12 WHEREAS, established in 1946, the Youth Assembly conference takes place in the historic
13 halls of the Georgia State Capitol, providing participants with an experience of a lifetime;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, this year, the Youth Assembly celebrates its 71st anniversary, and the State
16 YMCA of Georgia celebrates over 86 years of excellence and tradition; and

17 WHEREAS, the 70th Youth Assembly was made up of many bright and eager young leaders,
18 including Youth Governor Andrew Mitchell, Lt. Governor Dalton Touchberry, Speaker of
19 the House Hogan Tuell, President Pro Tem Chykimbrion Jackson, Speaker Pro Tem of the
20 House Kevin Parker, Chief Justice Kyla Percival, Associate Justice Macayla Cook, Associate
21 Justice Elizabeth Cagle, Secretary of the Senate Ian McGaughey, Assistant Secretary of the
22 Senate Wynn Bracewell, Senate Reading Clerk Avis Hawes, Senate Floor Leader Daniel
23 Lanclos, Senate Doorkeeper Jordon Ponder, House and Senate Messenger Brannon

24 Braddock, Clerk of the House Haley Gill, House Floor Leader Evan Outlaw, Assistant Clerk
25 of the House Sarah Lee, House Reading Clerk Kayland Winter, and House Doorkeeper Jacob
26 Hanna; and

27 WHEREAS, the Youth Assembly allows students to experience firsthand the excitement and
28 importance behind the legislative process and better understand the complexity of the
29 lawmaking process in this state.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend the State YMCA of Georgia's Youth Assembly for 70 years of teaching Georgia's
32 future leaders the legislative and state government process.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the State YMCA
35 of Georgia.