

Senate Resolution 67

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Mallow of the 2nd, Jackson of the 41st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the YMCAs of Georgia for the important work they do in
2 communities across the state promoting a healthy spirit, mind, and body; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the YMCAs of Georgia, through the Georgia Alliance of YMCAs, work
5 collectively to increase their ability to build stronger kids, families, and communities through
6 youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility and play an essential role in
7 providing engaging, safe, and affordable after-school care; and

8 WHEREAS, through statewide communication and cooperation, the Georgia Alliance of
9 YMCAs assists member associations in their work to provide educational and healthful
10 programming for children, adults, families, and seniors; and

11 WHEREAS, educating and engaging policy and decision makers on the YMCA's mission,
12 history, and programs and helping to position the YMCAs of Georgia as leaders in, and a
13 resource on, the topics of early childhood education, health, and wellness for when policy
14 decisions affecting YMCAs throughout Georgia are being made is of the utmost importance;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, establishing partnerships and relationships here in Georgia and with our
17 congressional representatives in Washington, D.C., during their National Advocacy Day; and

18 WHEREAS, offering support, educational, and staff development; advocacy updates; grant
19 opportunities; and so much more, YMCAs are a vital part of, and often the life-line for, our
20 communities in Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia Alliance of YMCAs is made up of 17 YMCA associations with
22 over 75 facilities throughout our state: Albany YMCA, Athens YMCA, Metropolitan
23 Augusta YMCA, Bainbridge-Decatur County YMCA, YMCA of Coastal Georgia, YMCA
24 of Metro Atlanta, Metropolitan Columbus YMCA, Georgia Mountains YMCA, Moultrie
25 YMCA, Rome-Floyd County YMCA, State YMCA of Georgia, Thomasville YMCA and
26 Youth Center, Tift Area YMCA, Valdosta-Lowndes County YMCA, YMCAs of Waycross
27 Georgia, YMCA of the Georgia Piedmont, and the West Broad Street YMCA; and

28 WHEREAS, the Georgia Alliance of YMCAs will host its annual State Advocacy Day on
29 February 2, 2023, in the historic halls of the Georgia State Capitol so that all 17 YMCA
30 associations and their staff, volunteers, and partners may have the opportunity to meet their
31 local representatives.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize and commend the YMCAs of Georgia for years of bringing children, adults,
34 families, and seniors together with state and local partners so that they may continue making
35 a positive impact in communities across the State of Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
38 Alliance of YMCAs.