

## Senate Resolution 765

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Dugan of the 30th, Burke of the 11th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing January 23, 2014, as Children's Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the future of Georgia depends on the ability of today's children to grow into  
3 productive earners, loving parents, engaged citizens, and visionary leaders; and
- 4 WHEREAS, all children, especially children in foster care, with disabilities or health  
5 challenges, or without family guidance, need resources and encouragement from the  
6 community to achieve success; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Georgia's children continue to struggle to meet high standards of health,  
8 education, family stability, and employability and to compete nationally and internationally;  
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, 27 percent of children in Georgia live in poverty, and 60 percent of students  
11 qualify for free and reduced-price lunches, a 10 percent increase since 2007; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Georgia state agencies, including the Departments of Community Health,  
13 Public Health, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Early Care and Learning,  
14 Education, Human Services, Juvenile Justice, and the Governor's Office for Children and  
15 Families, are setting higher goals for improving the lives of children and collaborating more  
16 closely to achieve their goals; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Voices for Georgia's Children, a nonprofit organization, has convened  
18 child-serving and child advocacy organizations for Children's Day at the capitol to encourage  
19 lawmakers to recognize the impact of public policy and programs on all aspects of child  
20 well-being; and

21 WHEREAS, the Culinary Arts students at Carrollton High School have prepared a  
22 wholesome "powerbar" snack to be shared with guests at Children's Day at the capitol to  
23 emphasize the value of healthy eating; and

24 WHEREAS, the goal of Children's Day is to increase the commitment of all Georgians to  
25 children and children's issues by providing current research, information, and policy  
26 suggestions through a celebratory day-long event at the capitol.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 recognize January 23, 2014, as Children's Day at the capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to transmit a copy of this resolution to Voices for Georgia's Children.