

## Senate Resolution 853

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Bethel of the 54th, Miller of the 49th, Orrock of the 36th, Hufstetler of the 52nd 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 recognizing the important work that YMCAs do  
4 in the communities across Georgia; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, this year, the Youth Assembly celebrates its 72nd anniversary, and the State  
17 YMCA of Georgia celebrates more than 87 years of excellence and tradition; and

18 WHEREAS, the 71st Youth Assembly was made up of many bright and eager young leaders,  
19 including Youth Governor Jackson Mitchell, Lt. Governor Chris Taylor, Speaker of the  
20 House Isaac Ortiz, President Pro Tem. Sarah Rogers, Speaker Pro Tem. of the House Haven  
21 Prevatt, Chief Justice Emma Adams, Associate Justice Mandolin Moody, Associate Justice  
22 Kaitlyn Malcom, Secretary of the Senate Zach Kennedy, Assistant Secretary of the Senate  
23 Camille Gaskins, Senate Reading Clerk Zannah Wiggins, Senate Floor Leader Wynne

24 Bracewell, Senate Doorkeeper Nicolas Moscosa, Senate Messenger Chloe Cooper, Clerk of  
25 the House Ben Murray, House Floor Leader Jacob Hanna, Assistant Clerk of the House  
26 Jonah Pybus, House Reading Clerk Holly Reeves, House Doorkeeper Kaylin Carter, and  
27 House Messenger Nicole Phillips; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 commend the State YMCA of Georgia's Youth Assembly for 71 years of teaching Georgia's  
33 future leaders the legislative and state government process.

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