

Senate Resolution 9

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Echols of the 49th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Brass of the 28th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Together Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Together Georgia is a nonprofit alliance of children and family service
3 providers; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Together Georgia serves as a voice for Georgia's children and their families;
5 advocates on behalf of its members; provides education and training to its members; and
6 elevates its members' work in their communities; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Together Georgia serves as a leader in Georgia's child and family welfare
8 policy-making; and
- 9 WHEREAS, with an extensive number of members located throughout the state, Together
10 Georgia's members provide services and care to Georgia's most vulnerable children and their
11 families; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Together Georgia's network provides family preservation and support programs,
13 education programs, psychiatric residential treatment facilities, adoption and maternity
14 homes, family foster care, therapeutic foster care, community group homes, emergency care,

15 outdoor therapeutic programs, and independent living and after care programs for children
16 and youth aging out of the state's system; and

17 WHEREAS, Together Georgia consistently participates and collaborates with state agencies
18 and other nonprofits to improve services and programs for children, youth, and their families;
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20 WHEREAS, Together Georgia routinely addresses providers' concerns involving Georgia's
21 Medicaid system, including working with care management organizations; collaborating with
22 the Department of Education to mitigate concerns about funding for educational instruction
23 to children entrusted in their members' care; and addressing the Department of Human
24 Services' requirements for licensure of members' facilities to operate and serve Georgia's
25 most vulnerable children; and

26 WHEREAS, Together Georgia seeks to provide to its members research and information on
27 current issues, best practices, and trends in child welfare, administrative office solutions and
28 purchasing resources, and professional development; and

29 WHEREAS, Together Georgia annually hosts the Georgia Children and Families
30 Conference, a forum that helps provider partners and those working in child welfare by
31 providing information about trends impacting the provision of services to children and
32 families; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
34 distinguished organization, including its staff, its partner entities, and its volunteers, be
35 appropriately recognized for their dedication and work to better the lives of Georgia children,
36 youth, and their families.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
38 recognize Together Georgia, as well as its staff, provider partners, and volunteers, and
39 convey this legislative body's heartiest commendation for their past, present, and future work
40 on behalf of children, youth, and their families in the State of Georgia.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
42 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Together Georgia.