

House Resolution 1158

By: Representatives Dodson of the 94th, Sinkfield of the 57th, Barnes of the 97th, Manning of the 32nd and Roberts of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Children's Advocacy Centers in Georgia and recognizing Monday, February
2 25, 2002, as Children's Advocacy Center Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia was formed in 1994 to promote, assist,
4 and support the development, growth, and continuation of Children's Advocacy Centers in
5 Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Centers implemented simple concepts in helping children
7 who may have been abused by: collaborating with child protection agencies; conducting joint
8 interviews with the child to reduce retelling and reliving traumatic events; promoting
9 teamwork among all interested parties; creating child friendly facilities; and tailoring
10 programs to meet community needs; and

11 WHEREAS, 30 advocacy centers are currently serving 56 counties and 28 judicial districts;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary team, consisting of law enforcement, child protective
14 services, prosecuting attorneys, medical personnel, mental health professionals, and other
15 concerned participants, is the most effective means of reducing the trauma of child abuse and
16 successfully holding perpetrators accountable; and

17 WHEREAS, these centers operate through public and private partnerships with state and
18 federal support and generous donations of time, money, and specialized services from
19 concerned professionals and individuals in local communities across Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia strive to increase public awareness of
21 the work of advocacy centers, to support existing centers, and to assist communities in the
22 development of new advocacy centers; and

1 WHEREAS, the outstanding efforts of the national network of Children's Advocacy Centers
2 and Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia merit recognition and endorsement.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body recognize Monday, February 25, 2002, as Children's Advocacy
5 Center Day and commend Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia for their efforts to
6 prevent abuse and to treat abused children in Georgia.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Children's Advocacy
9 Centers of Georgia.