

Senate Resolution 726

By: Senator Thomas of the 10th

ADOPTED SENATE

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 State 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
8 joint 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 multi-disciplinary 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/private partnerships with state support,
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 SENATE that the members of this body
4 recognize Monday, February 25, 2002, as Children's Advocacy Center Day and commend
5 Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia for their efforts to prevent abuse and to treat abused
6 children in Georgia.

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