

## Senate Resolution 953

By: Senators Stokes of the 43rd, Jackson of the 50th, Smith of the 25th and Thomas of the 10th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Association of Homes and Services for Children; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Homes and Services for Children (GAHSC) was  
4 founded in 1962 under the name of the Georgia Residential Child Care Association as a  
5 professional organization designed to provide support to the state's children and family  
6 service agencies; and

7 WHEREAS, from its inception as a five member problem solving group, GAHSC has grown  
8 into a 55 member agency representing over 150 programs and 2,000 child care professionals,  
9 serving children and their families with a full continuum of services; and

10 WHEREAS, GAHSC works with such state departments as the Department of Human  
11 Resources, Juvenile Justice, and Community Health and Education to promote quality care  
12 for children; and

13 WHEREAS, GAHSC strives to educate the public and child care professionals on the ever  
14 changing climate of child care and the rights of foster children; and

15 WHEREAS, GAHSC provides community awareness through media campaigns, legislative  
16 proposals, and community education projects within individual agencies, and provides  
17 professional training and certification programs for child care professionals; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2002 GAHSC will celebrate its 40th anniversary, and it is only fitting that  
19 this state recognize GAHSC and its members for their dedication and outstanding work with  
20 children at risk of abuse and neglect.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 commend GAHSC for their contribution of services to children who are at risk of abuse and

1 neglect and their families in honor of its 40th Anniversary, and do further applaud the  
2 agencies and state departments which assist GAHSC with the vital services GAHSC provides  
3 toward the well-being of our state.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the board of directors of the Georgia  
6 Association of Homes and Services for Children.