

Senate Resolution 963

By: Senators Stokes of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Smith of the 25th, Thomas of the 10th, Jackson of the 50th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the YWCA of Greater Atlanta on its 100th Anniversary; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of Greater Atlanta has
4 made a tremendous impact since its birth in 1902 and continues a century later to address the
5 challenges women and girls face today and help prepare themselves for tomorrow; and

6 WHEREAS, nationally the YWCA has a proud tradition of leadership for change, creating
7 the nation's first nursery for children of working mothers and the first women's pension fund
8 in the U.S. in 1924; spearheading the first interracial conference in the South in 1936; and
9 organizing the first National Day of Commitment to Eliminate Racism in 1992; and

10 WHEREAS, the YWCA of Greater Atlanta was founded on the campus of Spelman College
11 and from the beginning has been a safe place for women from all social, racial, and economic
12 backgrounds to assist women and girls in reaching their full potential; and

13 WHEREAS, the Child Care Learning Centers are based on the philosophy that all children
14 deserve quality early education and offer affordable, accessible care for all children over six
15 weeks old at three neighborhood sites and in 14 DeKalb County Schools; the Teens On The
16 Rise program provides guidance, education, mentoring, and creative opportunities for teens
17 to change paths toward success and fulfillment; the Women in Transition program offers
18 single mothers with children shelter, education, intervention, and support to achieve their
19 goals of self-sufficiency; and YWCA fitness and health programs offer women and their
20 families a broad range of classes to improve the well-being of all.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes and
22 commends the YWCA of Greater Atlanta on its 100th anniversary and conveys its
23 appreciation, respect, and best wishes to this resourceful organization.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the YWCA of Greater Atlanta.