

## House Resolution 370

By: Representatives Childers of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Post 1, Reece of the 11<sup>th</sup> and Smith of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Post 2

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending The Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent Program provides valuable aid to children and youth  
3 with special and exceptional needs through senior citizens who serve 20 hours a week  
4 offering companionship to these young men and women; and
- 5 WHEREAS, since 1974, the Senior Companion Program has given assistance to adults living  
6 with physical, emotional, or mental health limitations that prevent them from easily  
7 performing daily tasks; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program was founded in 1978 at  
9 Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital in Rome, Georgia, and is now celebrating its 25th  
10 anniversary; and
- 11 WHEREAS, this worthwhile and highly successful program is funded by the State of  
12 Georgia to provide positions for persons 60 years of age or older who meet certain income  
13 requirements and possess an interest in helping individuals with special needs; and
- 14 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program serves many institutions  
15 throughout the state including Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital, the Regional Youth  
16 Detention Center, the McHenry Primary School, the Network Day Service Center, the Mercy  
17 Senior Care Center, and the Floyd Training Center; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the services offered by the participants in The Foster Grandparent/Senior  
19 Companion Program are invaluable to those who receive such services which help them  
20 retain their dignity and independence.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body commend The Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program on  
3 its 25 years of dedicated and selfless service to the citizens of Georgia.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to The Foster  
6 Grandparent/Senior Companion Program.