

House Resolution 1655

By: Representative Jamieson of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Georgia's Pre-K Program; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Office of School Readiness administers, operates, and manages the
3 voluntary pre-kindergarten program known as Georgia's Pre-K Program; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a national survey compiled recently by the National Institute for Early
5 Education Research, a unit of Rutgers University, confirmed that Georgia, New Jersey, and
6 Oklahoma outpace the nation in providing high-quality preschool programs; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the research reviewed the number of students in state funded preschools and the
8 amount spent per student and utilized a checklist of ten national benchmarks to determine the
9 ranking; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the research included such standards as the minimum level of teacher training,
11 maximum class size, family support services, health screenings, and a state-wide curriculum;
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, Georgia was the first state to offer preschool to all four-year olds and now
14 enrolls 53 percent of that age group, and Georgia's Pre-K Program meets seven of the report's
15 ten national quality standards; and
- 16 WHEREAS, recognizing that there is more to early childhood education than academics,
17 Georgia's comprehensive approach toward this vital student population reflects well on the
18 legislative leadership's initiative to fund and sustain Pre-K programs and it is a tribute to the
19 outstanding public educators, administrators, and community action programs, including
20 Ninth District Opportunity, and a testament to the investments of the Georgia Lottery mission
21 and proceeds; and
- 22 WHEREAS, Pre-K Program analyses confirm that preschoolers have rapid brain growth and

1 cognitive development, and a successful Pre-K experience leads to greater academic success.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
3 the members of this body commend Georgia's Pre-K Program for its outstanding
4 contributions to advance educational opportunities in this state and for having such a positive
5 influence upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this state.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Marsha Moore,
8 executive director of the Office of School Readiness.