

Senate Resolution 969

By: Senators Collins of the 6th, Lamutt of the 21st, Tanksley of the 32nd and Price of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending SafePath Children’s Advocacy Center, Inc.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are serious societal problems in the United States and
4 the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, in the State of Georgia, one child is the victim of confirmed abuse every 30
6 minutes, and one out of every four girls and one out of every six boys is sexually abused
7 before the age of 18, and of these victims, approximately one-third are age five or younger;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, casework, support, legal, and other services in abuse and neglect cases have not
10 always been provided in a coordinated or victim oriented manner; and

11 WHEREAS, no single agency, individual, or discipline has all the necessary knowledge,
12 skills, or resources to provide all the assistance needed by abused children and their families;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, SafePath Children’s Advocacy Center, Inc., is a private, nonprofit organization
15 which is dedicated to improving the lives of child victims by reducing the trauma to children
16 and their nonoffending caregivers through the provision of a comprehensive,
17 multidisciplinary team approach to intervention, investigation, prosecution, and treatment in
18 child sexual and other abuse cases; and

19 WHEREAS, SafePath Children’s Advocacy Center, Inc., provides a neutral, child-friendly,
20 comprehensive services location where professionals and agencies can work together to
21 provide consistent and fast follow-up to abuse reports; medical and mental health referrals
22 that more effectively help the child and the child’s family; and a dramatic reduction in
23 trauma experienced by the child; and

1 WHEREAS, SafePath Children's Advocacy Center, Inc., has been recognized on the state
2 and national levels as providing an exemplary program under the guidance, dedication, and
3 vision of a volunteer board of directors comprised of prominent professionals and citizens;
4 and the program to date has provided services to approximately 5,000 child victims and their
5 nonoffending caregivers.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes and
7 commends SafePath Children's Advocacy Center, Inc., and expresses its sincere appreciation
8 for the invaluable services provided by this outstanding organization.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to SafePath Children's Advocacy Center,
11 Inc.