

Senate Resolution 949

By: Senator Adelman of the 42nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending YouthBuild USA, a national, nonprofit organization  
2 benefiting low-income youth; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, YouthBuild USA is a national, nonprofit organization that works to unleash the  
4 positive energy of low-income young people to rebuild their communities and their lives; and

5 WHEREAS, YouthBuild supports an expanding nation-wide network of more than 200 local  
6 YouthBuild programs, and in this role, YouthBuild USA orchestrates advocacy for public  
7 funding; guidance and quality assurance in program implementation; leadership opportunities  
8 for youth and staff; research to understand best practices; and grants and loans to YouthBuild  
9 affiliates; and

10 WHEREAS, YouthBuild USA leads the national YouthBuild movement and contributes to  
11 the broader youth and community development fields in order to diminish poverty in the  
12 United States and internationally; and

13 WHEREAS, YouthBuild provides low-income, out-of-school, out-of-work young adults  
14 between the ages of 16 to 24 with an opportunity to rebuild their communities and their own  
15 lives with a commitment to work, education, responsibility, and family; and

16 WHEREAS, unemployed young people, ages 16 to 24, spend six to 12 months in the  
17 program, dividing their time between the construction site and the YouthBuild classroom,  
18 where they earn their GED or high school diploma and prepare for jobs or college; and

19 WHEREAS, individual counseling, peer groups, driver's license training, recreational and  
20 cultural activities, and additional opportunities for community service are integrated into  
21 their experience with major emphasis placed on leadership; and

1 WHEREAS, there are currently six programs in Georgia: Cobb Housing, Inc., Marietta;  
2 Fulton Atlanta Community Action Agency; Southwest Georgia Empowerment Zone, Vienna;  
3 Flint Area Consolidated Housing, Inc., Montezuma; Goodwill Industries of North Georgia,  
4 Atlanta; and City of Savannah; and

5 WHEREAS, highest commendations should be extended to YouthBuild USA.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body commends  
7 YouthBuild USA for its dedicated efforts to provide outstanding development and  
8 educational programs to Georgia's youth.

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 YouthBuild USA.