

House Resolution 472

By: Representative Manning of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the advocacy efforts on behalf of all current, former, and
2 future youth in foster care by the Youth Advocates of Georgia, the Metro Atlanta Youth
3 Opportunities Initiative (MAYOI), the Youth Advisory Board of the Multi-Agency Alliance
4 for Children (MAAC), and For Youth, By Youth (FYBY) and inviting the leadership of these
5 organizations to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, these youth advocates have organized themselves to achieve common goals
7 beyond their individual needs and to focus their efforts on improving the foster care system
8 for all of Georgia's children and youth; and

9 WHEREAS, these youth advocates have engaged their communities as public speakers,
10 trainers, consultants, experts, writers, volunteers, peer mediators, mentors, talented youth,
11 survivors, and role models; and

12 WHEREAS, these youth advocates represent the diverse experiences of youth in foster care
13 including youth in basic therapeutic foster care and group homes, residential care,
14 independent and transitional living programs, and aftercare programs; and

15 WHEREAS, these youth advocates also represent former foster children who have aged out
16 of the foster care system and are living on their own; and

17 WHEREAS, these accomplishments are the culmination of years of hard work, exemplary
18 leadership, and exceptional teamwork among this group of highly talented, intelligent, and
19 dedicated youth; and

20 WHEREAS, the hard work and commitment of these youth advocates to their purpose have
21 established a firm foundation for future collaboration by all current, former, and future youth
22 in foster care in the State of Georgia, through the development of a state-wide youth

1 leadership group whose work will be informed and enhanced by the input of local and
2 regional youth groups across the state.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body join in recognizing and commending the Metro Atlanta Youth
5 Opportunities Initiative, the Youth Advisory Board of the Multi-Agency Alliance for
6 Children, and For Youth, By Youth on the differences they are making in the lives of young
7 people in Georgia and across the country.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the leadership of the Metro Atlanta Youth Opportunities
9 Initiative, the Youth Advisory Board of the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children, and For
10 Youth, By Youth are hereby invited to appear before the House of Representatives at a date
11 and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House for the purposes of being recognized by the
12 House and receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution.