

Senate Resolution 1465

By: Senators Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd and Buckner of the 44th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Family Promise of NewRock; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Family Promise of NewRock of Newton and Rockdale Counties began in  
3 November of 2009 at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Conyers, Georgia, as a local affiliate of  
4 the nationally known organization of Family Promise, Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, one of 153 affiliates in 40 states, Family Promise of NewRock is a nonprofit  
6 corporation established in December of 2009 and works under the mantra of Family Promise  
7 founder Karen Olson that "if you can strengthen one family, you can strengthen a nation";  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, also referred to as an Interfaith Hospitality Network, Family Promise of  
10 NewRock is a family services organization committed to helping families realize their own  
11 potential and providing assistance during critical times of recovery and loss of shelter; and

12 WHEREAS, Family Promise of NewRock is on pace to be one of the fastest forming  
13 affiliates in Family Promise history, with the average development of a network standing at  
14 18 to 24 months; and

15 WHEREAS, 13 congregations are needed to launch a network and, in a period of five  
16 months, five congregations stepped forward to participate as Host Congregations, expanding  
17 their outreach to provide lodging, meals, and caring hospitality for homeless children and  
18 their families in the community; and

19 WHEREAS, Family Promise of NewRock is continuing the evaluation process and will be  
20 adding more churches to its Host Congregation Network, fully anticipating that the Family  
21 Promise Interfaith Hospitality Network consisting of 13 congregations will soon be fully  
22 established and ready to serve the people of Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, Family Promise of NewRock is committed to carrying out its mission of helping  
24 homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine  
26 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately  
27 recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 commend Family Promise of NewRock on its demonstrated commitment to helping uplift  
30 Georgia families and improve lives and extend best wishes to this amazing organization for  
31 continued success in the future.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Family Promise of NewRock.