

Senate Resolution 353

By: Senator Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Jennifer Thomas; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jennifer Thomas became a foster parent in 2005 and has been committed
3 to improving the lives of children in the foster care system ever since; and
- 4 WHEREAS, since opening up her home to foster siblings, a four-year-old girl and
5 seven-year-old boy, Mrs. Thomas has seen firsthand the importance of the family bond
6 between brothers and sisters; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomas is the founder of Camp to Belong Georgia, an organization with
8 the mission of reuniting siblings separated by foster care for fun events that encourage
9 emotional empowerment, promote sibling connections, support educational needs, and create
10 happy childhood memories; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a nonprofit organization, Camp to Belong Georgia held its first event in July,
12 2008, reuniting 22 siblings from eight counties in Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a kindhearted and magnanimous woman, Mrs. Thomas works tirelessly
14 coordinating, fund raising, and organizing for Camp to Belong Georgia and the children in
15 foster care the camp serves; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomas is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in sociology and hopes
17 to one day serve as a guardian ad litem or a court appointed special advocate for children;
18 and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomas recently married her husband, Jamie, and is already blessed with
20 a family of four children, two sons her husband brought to the family and the two foster
21 children the couple have decided to adopt; and

22 WHEREAS, the benevolent and selfless deeds of this charitable woman serve as a shining
23 example of volunteerism, and the State of Georgia is honored and blessed to have Mrs.
24 Thomas as a citizen.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend Mrs. Jennifer Thomas on her efforts and contributions on behalf of foster children
27 and congratulate her on the honorable distinction of being named *TowneLaker* magazine's
28 Pathfinder of the Month.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Jennifer Thomas.