

Senate Resolution 952

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Sims of the 12th, Thompson of the 5th, Chance of the 16th, Rogers of the 21st and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Project Healthy Grandparents; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Project Healthy Grandparents (PHG) was created in 1995 to improve the health
3 and well-being of families in which grandparents are raising their grandchildren in
4 parent-absent households; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in Georgia, a grandparent is the primary care giver in more than 93,000
6 households, with nearly 33,000 of those households being in the Metro Atlanta area; and
- 7 WHEREAS, sponsored in part by Georgia State University, PHG allows at-risk children to
8 remain with their families by providing grandparent-headed households with critical support
9 services and improved access to community resources; and
- 10 WHEREAS, PHG's other contributing partners include the Atlanta Legal Aid Society,
11 Kilpatrick Stockton law firm, Grady Health System, The Marcus Autism Center, the
12 Department of Family and Children's Services, AARP, and numerous local nonprofit
13 organizations; and
- 14 WHEREAS, since the program's inception, PHG has provided services to over 2,225
15 individuals from primarily low-income families in south Fulton County, south DeKalb
16 County, and the City of Atlanta; and
- 17 WHEREAS, grandparents who have participated in PHG range in age from 37 to 84, with
18 30 percent over the age of 60, with a majority of them having health problems associated
19 with age and poverty; and
- 20 WHEREAS, many of the grandchildren in the PHG program have been neglected, abused,
21 or abandoned by their biological parents, often due to substance abuse, death, or
22 incarceration; and

23 WHEREAS, all services provided by PHG are free to families for one year, and
24 transportation is provided to the organization's monthly meetings and social events; and

25 WHEREAS, the outstanding services provided by the PHG are invaluable to Georgia
26 families, and it is only proper that this great organization be recognized and honored.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend Project Healthy Grandparents for its dedicated efforts in improving the lives of
29 Georgians and extend best wishes on continued success in the future.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Project Healthy Grandparents.