

## Senate Resolution 987

By: Senators Buckner of the 44th, Hill of the 4th, Jones of the 10th, Thomas of the 54th, Moody of the 56th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes were established in 1959 with a mission of  
3 providing child care for Georgia's children who may be endangered by disrupted families and  
4 neglect, which is sometimes accompanied by physical, emotional, and sexual abuse; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes reach out to these children who often display  
6 low self-esteem, emotional handicaps, poor social skills, low frustration tolerance, and poor  
7 academic success; and
- 8 WHEREAS, many children in Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes struggle to function well  
9 within the structure of their homes, schools, and communities, and Youth Homes assists  
10 these children in learning proper values, understanding how to resolve conflicts, and find  
11 their own identities; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Youth Homes can serve over 100 children with homes located all over  
13 Georgia, from Hahira to Dalton, and LaGrange to Swainsboro; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the success of the Youth Homes relies heavily upon assistance from the public,  
15 from financial donations to non-monetary donations such as gifts for the holidays and  
16 clothing; and
- 17 WHEREAS, with residential child care facilities throughout this state, Georgia Sheriffs'  
18 Youth Homes provide counseling, residential care, camping, horseback riding, independent  
19 living, and alumni services; and
- 20 WHEREAS, under the leadership of president Howard Ensley, the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth  
21 Homes serve as a ray of hope for the children of Georgia, and the dedicated efforts of all its  
22 members is worthy of recognition.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 commend the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes for providing a safe and nurturing environment  
25 for the abused, abandoned, and neglected children.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes.