

Senate Resolution 258

By: Senator Grant of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Healthy Kids Challenge program and recognizing March 3, 2011, as
2 Healthy Kids Challenge Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia is the second highest ranked state in the nation for childhood obesity,
4 with more than one out of every three children in Georgia suffering from obesity; and

5 WHEREAS, over 37 percent of Georgia children from the ages of ten to 17 are considered
6 overweight or obese; and

7 WHEREAS, childhood obesity affects the overall health of a child as well as confidence,
8 self-esteem, motivation, and outlook on life; and

9 WHEREAS, the Alliance for a Healthier Generation created the Healthy Schools Program,
10 a program that not only examines the health and wellness of students, but also a school's
11 faculty and staff; and

12 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle initiated the Healthy Kids Challenge, which
13 is a state-wide challenge to Georgia's schools to sign up for the Alliance for a Healthier
14 Generation's Healthy Schools Program; and

15 WHEREAS, the Healthy Schools Program gives Georgia schools tools and a framework to
16 implement a wellness program that will aid their students in learning about living a healthier
17 lifestyle; and

18 WHEREAS, Major Dukes, a student from Greensboro, Georgia, serves on the National
19 Advisory Board of the Healthy Kids Alliance as Georgia's Wellness Ambassador; and

20 WHEREAS, children who grow up learning about health and wellness are better prepared
21 for the challenges of adult life and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools

22 Program equips students with the knowledge and tools to combat not only obesity problems,
23 but also other challenges faced in their daily lives.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend the Healthy Kids Challenge program, encourage all Georgia schools to join the
26 Healthy Kids Challenge and participate in fighting childhood obesity, and recognize March
27 3, 2011, as Healthy Kids Challenge Day at the state capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body commend and recognize
29 Major Dukes for his outstanding efforts on behalf of Georgia's youth to encourage and
30 promote a healthy lifestyle.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Major Dukes and members of the public
33 and the press.