

Senate Resolution 1176

By: Senator Millar of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the first week of October, 2012, as Georgia Pre-K Week at the capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia's Pre-K Program provides quality early education experiences to more
4 than half of this state's four-year-old children; and

5 WHEREAS, the start of school in the fall of 2012 will mark the 20th anniversary of
6 Georgia's Pre-K Program; and

7 WHEREAS, Voices for Georgia's Children will help celebrate the anniversary of Georgia's
8 Pre-K Program by hosting Georgia Pre-K Week for the second consecutive year during the
9 first week of October; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Pre-K Week mascot will be "Pete the Cat," the character in *Pete*
11 *the Cat, I Love My White Shoes*, a book read by many Georgia legislators during Pre-K Week
12 in 2011; and

13 WHEREAS, *Pete the Cat* series author, Mr. Eric Litwin, and illustrator, Mr. James Dean,
14 have graciously provided "Pete the Cat" as the mascot for the event at no charge to the
15 program; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia legislators have received *Pete the Cat, Rockin' in My School Shoes* to
17 read during Georgia Pre-K Week in 2012; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Litwin and Mr. Dean are proud Georgia residents who are committed to
19 quality children's literature and fun learning experiences for young children.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 encourage parents, educators, community members, and business leaders to participate in

22 Georgia Pre-K Week and support high quality, accessible, and affordable early education for
23 all children in the State of Georgia; commend the hundreds of programs, teachers, aides, and
24 staff who have built a nationally recognized pre-k program; congratulate Georgia's Pre-K
25 Program on its 20th anniversary; and recognize the first week of October, 2012, as Georgia
26 Pre-K Week at the capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Eric Litwin and Mr. James Dean.