

House Resolution 1860

By: Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Casas of the 103rd, Dickson of the 6th, Jasperse of the 12th, Williams of the 4th, and others

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body encourage parents, educators, community members, and business

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

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