

Senate Resolution 431

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Jackson of the 2nd, Thompson of the 33rd, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Fort of the 39th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Junior Leagues of Georgia State Public Affairs
2 Committee; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, since the first Junior League was founded in New York City in 1901 by Mary
4 Harriman, the organization has developed into an international network of 292 Junior
5 Leagues with 155,000 members in four countries; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to the Junior Leagues of Georgia State Public Affairs
7 Committee (SPAC), one of the most active and influential advocacy agents for improvement
8 in the quality of life for women and children; and

9 WHEREAS, the SPAC is the advocacy arm of the Junior Leagues of Georgia, monitoring
10 the state legislative process and addressing issues of political importance to the members of
11 the Junior Leagues regarding initiatives and legislation to improve the quality of life for
12 women and children; to improve the quality of education; and to improve the environment;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the SPAC is made up of delegates from 12 Leagues representing over 10,000
15 voting women in Georgia working together to identify unmet needs, forge effective
16 coalitions, and work for change; and

17 WHEREAS, the organization was acknowledged and highlighted at the United Nations by
18 the Association of Junior Leagues International when the United Nations Association of New
19 York awarded the Distinguished Leadership Award to the Junior League in 2011; and

20 WHEREAS, the Junior Leagues of Georgia SPAC provides a channel for mutual action and
21 represent the Junior Leagues of Georgia at the Georgia General Assembly and federal level
22 on public affairs issues; and

23 WHEREAS, the Junior Leagues of Georgia State Public Affairs Committee provides services
24 which promote safety and prevention of child abuse, ensures that these services are available
25 to parents and caretakers; promotes accessible, affordable, and high-quality childcare; and
26 promotes and helps young people to successfully learn, stay in school, and prepare for life
27 through Georgia literacy programs; and

28 WHEREAS, the Junior Leagues of Georgia State Public Affairs Committee believes they
29 must persist in using their own voices, influence, resources, and power as a distinguished
30 branch of the Junior Leagues network to shine a bright light on these issues in need of
31 attention as the sole means of making changes that are so essential.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize the efforts of the 10,000 devoted members of the Junior Leagues of Georgia State
34 Public Affairs Committee; commend the Junior League initiative of creating a stabler
35 environment for the citizens of this state, this nation, and the world; and extend their
36 sincerest best wishes for the organization's continued success as a vital philanthropic
37 enterprise.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Junior Leagues of Georgia State
40 Public Affairs Committee.