

House Resolution 458

By: Representatives Williams of the 87th, Teasley of the 37th, Quick of the 117th, Jackson of the 128th, Mabra of the 63rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing March 4, 2015, as Children's Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the future of Georgia depends on the ability of today's children to grow into
3 productive earners, loving parents, engaged citizens, and visionary leaders; and
- 4 WHEREAS, all children, especially children in foster care, with disabilities or health
5 challenges, or without family guidance, need resources and encouragement from the
6 community to achieve success; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Georgia's children continue to struggle to meet high standards of health,
8 education, family stability, and employability and to compete nationally and internationally;
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, 27 percent of children in Georgia live in poverty, and 60 percent of students
11 qualify for free and reduced-price lunches, a 10 percent increase since 2007; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Georgia state agencies, including the Departments of Community Health,
13 Public Health, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Early Care and Learning,
14 Education, Human Services, and Juvenile Justice and the Governor's Office for Children and
15 Families, are setting higher goals for improving the lives of children and collaborating more
16 closely to achieve their goals; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Voices for Georgia's Children, a nonprofit organization, has convened
18 child-serving and child advocacy organizations for Children's Day at the state capitol to
19 encourage lawmakers to recognize the impact of public policy and programs on all aspects
20 of child well-being; and
- 21 WHEREAS, the Culinary Arts students from Marietta High School of Marietta City Schools
22 and Redan High School of DeKalb County School District have prepared a healthy snack to

23 share with the guests at Children's Day at the state capitol to demonstrate skills learned in the
24 Hospitality and Tourism Career Pathway and emphasize the value of healthy eating; and

25 WHEREAS, the goal of Children's Day is to increase the commitment of all Georgians to
26 children and children's issues by providing current research, information, and policy
27 suggestions through a celebratory daylong event at the state capitol.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize March 4, 2015, as Children's Day at the state capitol.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Voices for Georgia's Children.