

Senate Resolution 577

By: Senator Shafer of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing the Partnership Against Domestic Violence and its work on
2 raising awareness of the dangers and risks of teen dating violence; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Partnership Against Domestic Violence, a nonprofit, charitable organization
4 originally known as the Council on Battered Women, is the largest provider of domestic
5 violence services in Georgia and began its work in 1975; and

6 WHEREAS, the agency started as an all-volunteer entity and has sought to provide services
7 through the assistance of grants and generous donations from foundations, businesses, and
8 individuals; and

9 WHEREAS, it provides two 24 hour emergency shelters or safe homes for victims of
10 domestic violence in Fulton and Gwinnett Counties; and

11 WHEREAS, Partnership Against Domestic Violence, also known in the community as
12 "PADV," works to end domestic violence by: offering safety and shelter for battered women
13 and their children; restoring power, self-sufficiency and control to domestic violence
14 survivors; and educating the public on the dynamics of domestic violence; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to the safe homes for victims, it also provides many other services
16 including a 24 hour crisis line; parenting services; children and youth programming to allow
17 children to deal with their feelings about domestic violence; community-based services for
18 survivors who may not need safe homes; supportive housing; legal advocacy; community
19 support groups; public benefits assistance; teen dating violence prevention programming; and
20 outreach to the community by offering educational programming to police officers, judges,
21 hospitals, businesses, legislators, child protection agencies, clergy, and the media; and

22 WHEREAS, it saw the problem of teen dating violence and found that Georgia,
23 unfortunately, has the highest rate of teen violence of any state in the United States; and

24 WHEREAS, this agency saw that one in three Georgia teens have experienced dating
25 violence, yet only 68 percent of those teens confide in their parents about this abuse; the
26 agency further determined that 81 percent of surveyed parents do not even know that such
27 violence is an issue; and

28 WHEREAS, Partnership Against Domestic Violence made a decision to raise awareness of
29 the dangers by providing an annual summit for teens so that teens may learn prevention
30 efforts and recently held its sixth such summit at the offices of Primerica in Duluth, Georgia;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this organization
33 and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 commend Partnership Against Domestic Violence for its dedicated efforts in prevention,
36 intervention, and eradication of domestic violence and teen dating violence.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Partnership
39 Against Domestic Violence.