

## Senate Resolution 901

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Orrock of the 36th, Parent of the 42nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Georgia school bus drivers for their service to Georgia and its children; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, every day public school is in session, in darkness and daylight, in bitter cold and  
4 brutal heat, and in rain, snow, or sunshine, Georgia's school bus drivers travel on dirt roads  
5 and multi-lane highways to deliver Georgia's school children to their places of learning and  
6 to their homes again on schedule; and

7 WHEREAS, the breadth and scope of that responsibility is great and the hours difficult; and

8 WHEREAS, the position of a school bus driver requires tremendous maturity and  
9 responsibility, with the ability to drive safely through traffic, regardless of the weather or  
10 road conditions, while maintaining the conduct of the children in his or her care and  
11 providing lifesaving leadership in the event of emergencies; and

12 WHEREAS, during the 2014 snowstorm, many school bus drivers spent hours and even  
13 stayed overnight on their buses where they cared for students trapped far from home; and

14 WHEREAS, America's 440,000 school buses comprise the largest mass transportation fleet  
15 in the country, more than two and a half times the size of all other forms of mass  
16 transportation combined; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia's school districts often encompass large geographic areas, necessitating  
18 extensive use of school buses to transport students; and

19 WHEREAS, each school day, over 1,000,000 public school students and their parents rely  
20 upon dependable school bus service, which the school districts provide; and

21 WHEREAS, the National Traffic Highway Safety Administration has documented the far  
22 smaller number of accidents and fatalities per capita on school buses than in automobiles  
23 driven by either students or parents; and

24 WHEREAS, school bus drivers are an important component in overall student and  
25 community safety by their knowledge of their neighborhoods and their ability to observe  
26 suspicious activity or people along their bus routes and communicate that information to the  
27 proper authorities; and

28 WHEREAS, Georgia's school bus drivers are dedicated to performing their duties in a safe,  
29 courteous, and professional manner.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 hereby recognize and declare our appreciation to all Georgia school bus drivers for their  
32 dedication to the safety and well-being of the children of Georgia and for their selfless  
33 service in transporting children to and from their schools every day.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
36 press.