

House Resolution 1263

By: Representatives Stephens of the 165th, Gordon of the 163rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Bryant of the 162nd, and Petrea of the 166th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 6-12, 2016, as School Social Workers Association of Georgia, Inc.
2 Week; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, professional school social workers across Georgia serve as key members of the
4 educational team, playing a major role in developing positive learning environments, school
5 climate, and partnerships between the home, school, and community to ensure student
6 academic success; and

7 WHEREAS, professional school social workers support the educational, social, emotional,
8 and mental health of all students by providing indirect and direct services to decrease
9 environmental barriers to learning by facilitating partnerships among students and their
10 families, the school, and the community; and

11 WHEREAS, professional school social workers provide support and skills to address
12 challenges such as academic, mental health, behavioral needs, disabilities, crisis or self-harm
13 response, poverty, bullying, grief and loss, abuse, and neglect to enable students to achieve
14 academic goals; and

15 WHEREAS, professional school social workers provide professional learning opportunities
16 and consultations to school staff, families, and community stakeholders on topics that impact
17 students' learning; and

18 WHEREAS, professional school social workers advocate and empower students and families
19 to access resources to improve their circumstances and promote engagement in the
20 educational process; and

21 WHEREAS, National School Social Work Week, March 6-12, 2016, honors school social
22 workers in Georgia and across the nation for their dedication to our children and youth to

23 encourage them to take advantage of their educational opportunities, overcome barriers to
24 academic achievement, graduate from high school, and live as productive citizens.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize March 6-12, 2016, as School Social Workers
27 Association of Georgia, Inc. Week.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 public and the press.