

Senate Resolution 959

By: Senator Tippins of the 37th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the School Social Workers Association of Georgia, Inc., for its work; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, each year thousands of children and their families utilize the services of school  
4 social workers who have obtained at least a master's degree and many of whom are licensed  
5 clinical social workers in our Georgia schools and were themselves educated in Georgia  
6 institutions of higher learning; and

7 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association of Georgia, Inc., is a nonprofit entity  
8 with a robust membership of individuals who reside and work across our state; and

9 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association of Georgia, Inc., was formed in 1971,  
10 and has been in existence since that time; and

11 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association of Georgia, Inc., is a collaborative  
12 member of the National Association of Social Workers; and

13 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association of Georgia, Inc., works to enhance its  
14 members' profession so they can better serve our state's children. The association advocates  
15 for its membership on various issues of interest, including the provision of such mental  
16 health services as suicide prevention care; improving economic and environmental conditions  
17 in which students and their families live; assisting students and their families with special  
18 needs; and general profession matters around social workers' salaries and benefits; and

19 WHEREAS, among the mental health services provided by school social workers are  
20 individual crisis intervention; psychosocial mental health assessments; family outreach and  
21 engagement; ongoing mental health monitoring and individual and group counseling; case  
22 management and coordination of school and community resources; assistance with the  
23 development of positive behavioral interventions and supports; and facilitation of

24 professional development training for educators on coping positively with a student's mental  
25 health struggles; and

26 WHEREAS, social workers in school settings are not always employed in every county or  
27 city school system because their positions are funded through discretionary funds; and

28 WHEREAS, the School Social Workers Association of Georgia, Inc., provides a number of  
29 benefits to its members, including the provision of a newsletter, opportunities to receive  
30 professional learning units and continuing education units at annual conferences, mentoring  
31 programs for members, and other benefits; and

32 WHEREAS, the association's members serve many children and their families daily to help  
33 improve the lives of Georgia's children and improve attendance and graduation rates of  
34 Georgia's youth.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
36 commend the School Social Workers Association of Georgia, Inc., and its members, for the  
37 work done to meet the mental health needs of Georgia students and to improve Georgia's  
38 education system, Georgia's students' learning environments, and the attendance and  
39 graduation rates of its youth.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
41 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the School Social  
42 Workers Association of Georgia, Inc.