

Senate Resolution 202

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Wilkinson of the 50th and Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Professional Association of Georgia Educators for its contributions to
2 education and to educators and recognizing February 21, 2017, as PAGE/GAEL/GACTE
3 Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) is the state's largest
5 organization for professional educators with more than 92,000 members who are teachers,
6 administrators, and support personnel employed in every school system in Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, PAGE was founded in the 1970s with the mission to make Georgia a better
8 place for students to learn and for teachers to teach; and the PAGE Foundation sponsors the
9 Academic Bowl for middle grades, the Georgia Academic Decathlon for high school
10 students, and STAR, the Student and Teacher Achievement Recognition program; and

11 WHEREAS, PAGE has promoted teaching as a profession by sponsoring local chapters of
12 the Future Georgia Educators in middle and high schools across the state and student PAGE
13 groups on the campuses of colleges and universities throughout Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, PAGE has adopted its mission and core business to provide professional
15 learning to enhance competence and confidence, build leadership, and increase student
16 achievement; and

17 WHEREAS, PAGE actively participates in the legislative process each year, working to
18 improve education and student achievement while promoting a positive and professional
19 working relationship with legislative representatives across the state; and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL) provides unity of
21 school leadership groups in Georgia and is a state-wide "umbrella" organization composed
22 of six professional affiliate associations for school leaders; and

23 WHEREAS, the mission of GAEL is to improve public education in Georgia through high
24 quality leadership development, advocacy, and a resource network for educational leaders;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, the mission of the Georgia Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
27 (GACTE) is to provide leadership on issues related to professional education, with primary
28 focus on teacher education, to promote effective public policy regarding professional
29 education, to enhance and improve professional education programs at member institutions,
30 and to enhance the professional effectiveness of members; and

31 WHEREAS, on February 21, 2017, local PAGE, GAEL, and GACTE leaders will gather at
32 the state capitol to meet with their local legislative delegation on behalf of Georgia educators.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body commends the
34 Professional Association of Georgia Educators for its contributions to education and to
35 educators and recognizes February 21, 2017, as PAGE/GAEL/GACTE Day at the state
36 capitol.

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 PAGE.