

Senate Resolution 212

By: Senators Harper of the 7th and Parent of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the State YMCA of Georgia and its Center for Civic
2 Engagement and "Y" Club programs which sponsor Youth Assembly, among other
3 programs, that cultivate youth civic engagement; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the State YMCA of Georgia's Youth Assembly is a model state legislature for
5 high school students in which students serve as legislators, justices, attorney, and lobbyists;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, participants in the Youth Assembly may run for the offices of Youth Governor,
8 Lt. Governor, and Speaker of the House; and

9 WHEREAS, students participating in the Youth Assembly are also given the opportunity to
10 explore the role the media plays in government by participating in the production of a daily
11 newspaper; and

12 WHEREAS, established in 1946, the Youth Assembly conference takes place in the historic
13 halls of the Georgia State Capitol, providing participants with an experience of a lifetime;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, this year, the Youth Assembly celebrates its 73rd anniversary, and the State
16 YMCA of Georgia celebrates over 88 years of excellence and tradition; and

17 WHEREAS, the 72nd Youth Assembly was made up of many bright and eager young
18 leaders, including, Youth Governor Chan Creswell, Lt. Governor Brooks Fletcher, Speaker
19 of the House Sarah Lee, President Pro Tem Komalpreet Kaur, Speaker Pro Tem of the House
20 Toby Upshaw, Chief Justice Wyatt Martin, Associate Justice McKenzie Barrett, Associate
21 Justice Jessica Padgett, Secretary of the Senate Cammy Hatchett, Assistant Secretary of the
22 Senate Brandi Jo Hafermalz, Senate Reading Clerk Grace Fletcher, Senate Floor Leader
23 Camille Gaskins, Senate Doorkeeper Gabe Yenerall, House and Senate Messenger Kenneth

24 Lockett, Clerk of the House Cassie Katen, House Floor Leader Jackson Barton, Assistant
25 Clerk of the House Madison Folsom, House Reading Clerk Hunter Creswell, and House
26 Doorkeeper Dylan Fletcher; and

27 WHEREAS, the Youth Assembly allows students to experience firsthand the excitement and
28 importance behind the legislative process and better understand the complexity of the
29 lawmaking process in this state.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend the State YMCA of Georgia's Youth Assembly for 72 years of teaching Georgia's
32 future leaders the legislative and state government process.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the State YMCA
35 of Georgia.