

## House Resolution 321

By: Representatives Abrams of the 89<sup>th</sup>, Nix of the 69<sup>th</sup>, Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, and Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Communities in Schools for 40 years of service; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, founded in Georgia, Communities in Schools (CIS) provides approximately  
3 124,000 underserved students with high-quality integrated student support services in 37  
4 counties across the state; and
- 5 WHEREAS, CIS has 152 highly trained site coordinators in 233 schools across the state who  
6 assess students' needs and partner with local businesses, social service agencies, healthcare  
7 providers, and community volunteers to provide disadvantaged students with the resources  
8 they need to succeed in school and in life; and
- 9 WHEREAS, this service-oriented organization has had 5,816 community volunteers and 31  
10 AmeriCorps Members and VISTA volunteers provide 102,337 hours of service to Georgia  
11 schools and students, a volunteer contribution of \$2,435,621, and last year, CIS provided  
12 20,589 services to parents; and
- 13 WHEREAS, 89 percent of the students aided by CIS graduate, and 61.1 percent of students  
14 with attendance problems have shown improved attendance; and
- 15 WHEREAS, CIS employs 295 individuals across the state in the CISGA office and its 31  
16 affiliates; and
- 17 WHEREAS, CIS serves 43 districts in 37 counties and through its affiliates, it has served  
18 336,455 case managed students, and through school services, it has served 1,198,160  
19 students using state funds; and
- 20 WHEREAS, 71 percent of CIS students with discipline problems in school improve,  
21 reducing their number of suspensions.

22 WHEREAS, because of generous state funding beginning in 1999, 15,447 students on CIS's  
23 caseload have earned their high school diplomas.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body honor Communities in Schools for its tremendous service to the  
26 youth of Georgia.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
29 Communities in Schools.