

House Resolution 556

By: Representatives Jones of the 53rd, Ballinger of the 23rd, Abrams of the 89th, Cooper of the 43rd, Benton of the 31st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the achievements and capabilities of young Georgians, and recognizing the
2 month of September as Georgia Children & Youth Month; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, more than 2.5 million Georgians are under 18 years of age, and today's youth
4 are tomorrow's leaders; and

5 WHEREAS, the high school graduation rate has risen for five straight years, from 67.4
6 percent in 2011 to 79.2 percent in 2016; and

7 WHEREAS, children are Georgia's most valuable asset; and Georgia's youth possess
8 enormous potential, which must be recognized and realized through constructive social
9 policies; and

10 WHEREAS, giving Georgia's youth the tools they need to succeed pays enormous dividends;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the circumstances of a child's upbringing have a profound impact reaching well
13 into adulthood, and therefore requires contributions from all of society; and

14 WHEREAS, the Georgia Legislature is in the unique position to offer its appreciation and
15 support of the children and youth of Georgia.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body celebrate the achievements and potential of the more than 2.5
18 million children and youth in Georgia, in doing so, recognize the month of September as
19 Georgia Children & Youth Month, and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the
20 achievements and potential of Georgia's youngest residents.

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