

House Resolution 752

By: Representative Gilliard of the 162nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ash Tree Organization, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the mission of Ash Tree Organization, Inc., is to provide community based
3 alternative programs for inner-city school youth, suspended and expelled school youth,
4 homeless youth, juvenile youth, and their families; and

5 WHEREAS, since 1986, Ash Tree Organization, Inc., has served over 6,000 juvenile youth
6 offenders and their families; and

7 WHEREAS, the organization strives to keep court referred juvenile offenders off the street,
8 reduce repeat offenses, improve each participant's school attendance and academic
9 performance, reduce interpersonal conflicts, provide training in marketable skills, and
10 promote family strengthening through support services; and

11 WHEREAS, this remarkable organization has established a glowing reputation throughout
12 Georgia for its ability to help juveniles by providing support and intervention and prevention
13 programs and services; and

14 WHEREAS, Ash Tree Organization, Inc., has offered more than 20 different community
15 programs in the Metro Atlanta area, including Chatham, Bryan, Evans, Effingham, and
16 Liberty Counties; and

17 WHEREAS, the organization has had tremendous success overall and particularly in its
18 48-week After School Program of 2010-2011, when 141 juvenile offenders of 150 enrolled
19 completed the program without re-offending and were taken off probation; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
21 extraordinary organization be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend Ash Tree Organization, Inc., for its many outstanding
24 contributions on behalf of the citizens of Georgia, and extend best wishes for its continued
25 growth and success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ash
28 Tree Organization, Inc.