

Senate Resolution 701

By: Senator Millar of the 40th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the YMCA on the grand occasion of its 160th anniversary;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the YMCA is Atlanta's oldest nonprofit organization, and the YMCA of Metro  
4 Atlanta has grown since 1858 to become a 160,000 member organization, with 18 branch  
5 operations in 12 counties working to help people of all ages and backgrounds reach their full  
6 potential; and

7 WHEREAS, each year, more than 250,000 people are served through the YMCA of Metro  
8 Atlanta, which is built upon four strategic areas of focus: ensuring school readiness,  
9 improving academic achievement, empowering healthy living, and inspiring civic leadership  
10 in children and adults; and

11 WHEREAS, more than 6,000 children are cared for and allowed to develop academically  
12 through the use of early childhood learning programs and after-school programs; around  
13 20,000 young people are given the opportunity to develop new life skills at YMCA summer  
14 camps; and almost 2,000 teenagers choose to serve others and to learn valuable life and  
15 leadership skills through the YMCA's teen programs; and

16 WHEREAS, through the YMCA's Anti-Hunger Campaign, 25,000 children from Metro  
17 Atlanta are able to receive free lunches when school is out for the winter and summer  
18 months; and

19 WHEREAS, the YMCA never turns anyone away due to an inability to pay because  
20 generous individuals, foundations, and corporate partners contribute money each year so that  
21 one in four people are able to receive the financial assistance they need in order to participate  
22 in the YMCA's life-changing programs; and

23 WHEREAS, the YMCA of Metro Atlanta has been an important part of Atlanta's history for  
24 160 years, has consistently evolved to meet the changing needs of the city's inhabitants, and  
25 will continue to do so; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this exemplary organization be  
27 recognized and commended for its life-changing impact on the citizens of the City of Atlanta.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 recognize and commend the YMCA on the grand occasion of its 160th anniversary.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the YMCA of  
32 Metro Atlanta.