

## Senate Resolution 722

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, Unterman of the 45th, Kirk of the 13th, Wilkinson of the 50th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the YMCAs of Georgia for the important work they do in  
2 communities across the state promoting a healthy spirit, mind, and body; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the YMCAs of Georgia, through the Georgia Alliance of YMCAs, work  
5 collectively to increase their ability to build stronger kids, families, and communities; and

6 WHEREAS, through statewide communication and cooperation, the Georgia Alliance of  
7 YMCAs assists member associations in their work to provide educational and healthful  
8 programming for children, adults, families, and seniors; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Alliance of YMCAs will host its annual State Advocacy Day on  
10 February 8, 2018, in the historic halls of the Georgia State Capitol, so that all 17 YMCA  
11 associations, staff, volunteers, and partners may have the opportunity to meet their local  
12 representatives; and

13 WHEREAS, by educating and engaging policy and decision makers on the YMCA's mission,  
14 history, and programs, State Advocacy Day helps to position the YMCAs of Georgia as  
15 leaders and resources on the topics of early childhood education, health, and wellness; and

16 WHEREAS, the Georgia Alliance of YMCAs establishes partnerships and relationships in  
17 Georgia and with congressional representatives in Washington, D.C., on National Advocacy  
18 Day; and

19 WHEREAS, the Alliance offers support, educational and staff development, advocacy  
20 updates, grant opportunities, and more; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia Alliance of YMCAs is made up of 17 YMCA associations with  
22 over 75 facilities throughout our state, including the: Albany YMCA, Athens YMCA,

23 Metropolitan Augusta YMCA, Bainbridge-Decatur County YMCA, YMCA of Coastal  
24 Georgia, YMCA of Metro Atlanta, Metropolitan Columbus YMCA, Georgia Mountains  
25 YMCA, Moultrie YMCA, Rome-Floyd County YMCA, State YMCA of Georgia,  
26 Thomasville YMCA and Youth Center, Tift Area YMCA, Valdosta-Lowndes County  
27 YMCA, YMCAs of Waycross Georgia, YMCA of the Georgia Piedmont, and the West  
28 Broad Street YMCA; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these  
30 extraordinary organizations be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize and commend the YMCAs for years of bringing children, adults, families, and  
33 seniors together with state and local partners so that they may continue making a positive  
34 impact in communities across the State of Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia  
37 Alliance of YMCAs.