

Senate Resolution 824

By: Senators Harper of the 7th, Parent of the 42nd, Miller of the 49th, Cowser of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the State YMCA of Georgia and its Center for Civic
2 Engagement and "Y" Club programs which sponsor Youth Assembly among other programs
3 that cultivate youth civic engagement; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the State YMCA of Georgia's Youth Assembly is a model state legislature for
5 high school students in which students serve as legislators, justices, attorneys, and lobbyists;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, participants in the Youth Assembly may run for the offices of Youth Governor,
8 Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House; and

9 WHEREAS, students participating in the Youth Assembly are also given the opportunity to
10 explore the role the media plays in government by participating in the production of a daily
11 newspaper; and

12 WHEREAS, established in 1946, the Youth Assembly conference takes place in the historic
13 halls of the Georgia State Capitol, providing participants with an experience they will cherish
14 for the rest of their lives; and

15 WHEREAS, this year, the Youth Assembly celebrates its 74th anniversary, and the State
16 YMCA of Georgia celebrates over 89 years of excellence and tradition; and

17 WHEREAS, the 73rd Youth Assembly was made up of many bright and eager young leaders,
18 including Youth Governors Kevin Eppes and Aaron Fondal, Lieutenant Governors Liz
19 Quilliams and Zakk Stoddard, Speakers of the House John Thomas and John West,
20 Presidents Pro Tem Chloe Sparwath and Lucy Young, Speakers Pro Tem of the House
21 Madison Folsom and William LeRoy, Chief Justices Kendall Chamberlain and Harshit Patel,
22 Associate Justice Anna Beth Barber, Secretaries of the Senate Emilee Betts and Alexa
23 Hernandez, Assistant Secretaries of the Senate Lexi Farr and Garren Griffin, Senate Floor

24 Leaders Andrew Cleveland and Hunter Voyles, Senate Doorkeepers Harley Barnes and Levi
25 Moore, House and Senate Messengers Jada Williams, Clerks of the House Anna Barnett and
26 Max Pinckney, House Floor Leaders Sawyer Bradford and Grace Partain, Assistant Clerks
27 of the House Sara Pope and Jaime Romano, and House Doorkeepers Cheyenne Black and
28 Emily LaCount; and

29 WHEREAS, the Youth Assembly allows students to experience firsthand the excitement and
30 importance behind the legislative process and better understand the complexity of the
31 lawmaking process in this state.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend the State YMCA of Georgia's Youth Assembly for 73 years of teaching Georgia's
34 future leaders about the legislative and state government process.

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 State YMCA
37 of Georgia.