

Senate Resolution 590

By: Senators Martin of the 9th and Jordan of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 11, 2020, as Dyslexia Day at the state capitol and urging schools, local
2 educational agencies, and the state educational agency to address the profound educational
3 impact of dyslexia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin; and

5 WHEREAS, dyslexia is the most common learning disability, affecting approximately one
6 in five individuals and approximately 80 percent of all individuals with a learning disability;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the condition is often unexpected because those it affects can have a very high
9 level of intelligence but read at a much lower level; and

10 WHEREAS, dyslexia causes difficulty with phoneme segmentation, the ability to break
11 words down into individual sounds; and

12 WHEREAS, an individual with dyslexia may have weaknesses in decoding and reading
13 fluency, but they are often surrounded by a sea of strengths in reasoning, problem solving,
14 concept formation, critical thinking, and vocabulary; and

15 WHEREAS, early diagnosis is critical for early remediation and evidence-based intervention
16 that leads to self-awareness, self-empowerment, self-esteem, and necessary accommodations
17 to ensure student, school, and life success; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to draw attention to the profound educational
19 impact of dyslexia on the education and lives of countless children, adults, and students in
20 the State of Georgia.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 recognize February 11, 2020, as Dyslexia Day at the state capitol and urge all schools, local
23 and state educational agencies, and educators to recognize the profound educational impact
24 of dyslexia.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
27 press.