

## Senate Resolution 826

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Miller of the 49th, Dugan of the 30th, Unterman of the 45th, Martin of the 9th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia on its day at the state capitol  
2 on March 3, 2020; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia (SILCGA) is a private  
4 nonprofit corporation that is governed by people from across the state with all types of  
5 disabilities; and

6 WHEREAS, SILCGA was created through amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,  
7 which requires states, including Georgia, to establish Statewide Independent Living Councils  
8 to provide guidance for the development and expansion of independent living programs; and

9 WHEREAS, SILCGA is also charged with developing the State Plan for Independent Living,  
10 as required by federal law; and

11 WHEREAS, the role of SILCGA is to identify any societal barriers to independent living and  
12 to collaborate with its Centers for Independent Living, Vocational Rehabilitation Services,  
13 and other related entities to remove those barriers and increase supports and needed services;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, SILCGA's Centers for Independent Living, staffed by individuals with  
16 disabilities, provide resources to individuals in their communities and serve citizens in  
17 Columbus, Bainbridge, Macon, Demorest, Tucker, Rome, Savannah, Athens, and Augusta,  
18 as well as many surrounding counties; and

19 WHEREAS, SILCGA's activities include sponsoring public meetings and hearings and  
20 educational and outreach efforts so as to promote and provide information to the public, to  
21 state agencies, and to local organizations as well as to individuals; and

22 WHEREAS, SILCGA also conducts studies and research relevant to the needs of individuals  
23 with disabilities; and

24 WHEREAS, SILCGA focuses on a number of issues in its mission, including promoting  
25 leadership with more people with disabilities involved and responsive in leadership roles;  
26 positive perceptions of people with disabilities; promoting individuals to be informed and  
27 proactive on issues; assuring of use of personal assistance services; promoting "visitable"  
28 housing; funding to retrofit housing to become accessible; promoting accessible public  
29 transit; ensuring equal opportunities to education; assuring access to quality healthcare and  
30 insurance; improving access to technology; and accessing available information sources,  
31 including alternative formats and interpreter services.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 recognize Statewide Independent Living Council on its day at the state capitol on March 3,  
34 2020.

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 Statewide  
37 Independent Living Council of Georgia.