

Senate Resolution 380

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Strickland of the 17th and Tillery of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the REACH Georgia Scholarship Program upon the occasion
2 of its 10th anniversary; recognizing February 10, 2022, as REACH Georgia Day at the state
3 capitol; commending the REACH Georgia program coordinators, mentors, academic
4 coaches, and supporters for their dedicated service to the lives of REACH Scholars; and for
5 other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, REACH (Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen) Georgia is the State
7 of Georgia's first need-based mentorship and college scholarship program; and

8 WHEREAS, by the year 2025, projections estimate that 60 percent of jobs in Georgia will
9 require a post secondary certificate or degree; and

10 WHEREAS, ten years after the launch as a key component of the Complete College Georgia
11 Initiative, all 180 public school districts and more than 60 Georgia colleges are participating
12 in the REACH Georgia program; and

13 WHEREAS, thousands of academically promising Georgia students of limited financial
14 means have been identified as REACH Scholars, paired with academic and community

15 mentors, and promised up to \$10,000 in scholarships at Georgia HOPE eligible institutions;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, members of civic, corporate, and faith-based communities throughout the state
18 are coming together to volunteer through REACH Georgia by funding scholarships, serving
19 as mentors and tutors, and providing college and career counseling to REACH Scholars; and

20 WHEREAS, these bright students now find themselves better prepared to graduate high
21 school, enroll in a post secondary institution, and return as successful citizens to our
22 communities and workforce.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize February 10, 2022, on the occasion of the program's 10th anniversary, as REACH
25 Georgia Day at the state capitol and commend the REACH Georgia program coordinators,
26 mentors, academic coaches, and supporters for their dedicated service to the lives of our
27 REACH Scholars.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to to the REACH
30 Georgia Foundation Board.