

House Resolution 957

By: Representatives Mughal of the 105th, Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, and McClain of the 109th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Georgia First Generation Foundation (Georgia FirstGen) for helping
2 first-generation students achieve a post-secondary education; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia FirstGen was founded in 2016 by Charbel Aoun, MS, and Francisco
4 Martinez as a student organization aimed at providing help for students who were the first
5 in their families to graduate high school and attend college; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia FirstGen seeks to address the barriers first-generation students face in
7 achieving a college education, leading to the formation of a nonprofit centered around
8 students' identities, supporting the growth and success of first-generation students; and

9 WHEREAS, the milestones of Georgia FirstGen include 825 students attending more than
10 35 events since its inception; 310,000 volunteer hours completed by students and members;
11 \$465,000 in scholarship dollars earned by their students; seven high schools impacted by
12 their events; ten Georgia FirstGen professionals named Under 40 Honorees; and 19 Georgia
13 FirstGen team members; and

14 WHEREAS, their four pillars are scholarship, success, service, and support; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia FirstGen hosts various events such as an annual summit, student
16 panels, career discussions, scholarship presentations, and an annual benefit gala; and

17 WHEREAS, Charbel Aoun, MS, who is the executive director, was nominated for *Georgia*
18 *Trend* magazine's 2023 40 Under 40 List.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize the Georgia First Generation Foundation for its positive
21 impact on first-generation students.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
24 public and the press.