

House Resolution 308

By: Representatives Rice of the 139th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Buckner of the 137th, Townsend of the 179th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and commending the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children is a nonprofit entity that was founded
3 in Atlanta in 1996 by a group of nonprofit agencies serving at-risk children involved in the
4 child welfare system; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children is often called "MAAC"; and
- 6 WHEREAS, MAAC coordinates people, resources, information, and a network of quality
7 providers to create positive outcomes for vulnerable youth and families; and
- 8 WHEREAS, MAAC utilizes a seamless continuum of services and care in addressing the
9 unique needs of each child, adolescent, and family, including behavioral health services and
10 services that are trauma responsive and reflective of adolescent brain development,
11 individualizing treatment and care and reducing the number of placements of children and
12 youth in various out-of-home care settings while working towards ending duplication of
13 services; and

14 WHEREAS, MAAC focuses its work on filling service gaps, building innovative solutions
15 within the child welfare system, collaborating with partner agencies, and focusing on
16 providing care coordination and other services that emphasize youth voice and choice; and

17 WHEREAS, MAAC and its members provide a variety of services to these children,
18 adolescents, and families, including residential care through its child caring institutions, crisis
19 continuum, specialized family foster care through child placing agencies, group homes,
20 education success support, workforce development and career training, life skills training,
21 and intensive psychiatric care; and

22 WHEREAS, MAAC serves youth throughout Georgia with a permanency-focused,
23 collaborative, team-based approach through its Network Collaborative and high-fidelity
24 wraparound PACT/Thrive Program while providing young adults who have experienced
25 foster care with individualized development and skills in core areas, including leadership
26 through Georgia EmpowerMENT, financial education and savings support through
27 Opportunity Passport® Matched Savings, career and employee development through
28 Workforce Development, young parenting skills through Teen Parent Connection, and
29 educational support through LEADS; and

30 WHEREAS, MAAC has achieved Council on Accreditation recognition, is a Sanctuary
31 Certified Organization, and each of its member entities and affiliates utilizes national best
32 practices and is accredited by a national accreditation body; and

33 WHEREAS, MAAC's current provider member entities are Creative Community Services
34 Inc., Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Georgia, Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and
35 Family Ministries Inc., Elks Aidmore, Goshen Valley, Hillside Inc., The Methodist Home,
36 Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, and Youth Villages; and

37 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
38 distinguished organization, including its member entities and affiliates, be appropriately
39 recognized for the care it provides to Georgians.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body honor and commend the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children and
42 its member entities and affiliates for their tireless, efficient, effective, unselfish, and
43 dedicated public service to the children, adolescents, and families of this state.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
46 Multi-Agency Alliance for Children.