

House Resolution 421

By: Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Ballard of the 147th, Rice of the 139th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 26, 2025, as Charter Schools Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia's first charter school law was enacted in 1993, and there are currently
4 96 charter schools operating in communities throughout the state; and

5 WHEREAS, charter schools are tuition-free, public schools that have fair and open
6 enrollment procedures and serve students and families in all 159 counties in Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, a recent national study of charter school performance conducted by the Center
8 for Research on Education Outcomes at Stanford University found that students in charter
9 schools outperformed their peers in traditional public schools by an average of 16 additional
10 days of learning in reading and six additional days of learning in math; and

11 WHEREAS, the members of this body commend the dedicated teachers and leaders serving
12 in Georgia's charter schools and celebrate the 65,000 public school students enrolled in
13 charter schools throughout the state; and

14 WHEREAS, additional charter school seats are needed to serve the 21,000 students who
15 currently appear on charter school wait lists in Georgia.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body recognize February 26, 2025, as Charter Schools Day at the state
18 capitol.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
21 Georgia Charter Schools Association, the public, and the press.