

Senate Resolution 408

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Mangham of the 55th, Jones of the 10th, Merritt of the 9th, Esteves of the 35th 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
41 honor and commend the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children and its member entities and  
42 affiliates for their tireless, efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the  
43 children, adolescents, and families of this state.

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