

House Resolution 652

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Oliver of the 84th, Jasperse of the 11th, and Gaines of the 120th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia Community Service Boards and recognizing February 16, 2025 as
2 Community Service Boards' Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Community Service Boards (CSBs) are created in O.C.G.A. § 37-2-6 et seq. as
4 public corporations and instrumentalities of the state to provide services for mental illness,
5 intellectual and developmental disabilities, and/or addictive diseases; and

6 WHEREAS, there are 22 CSBs across Georgia whose Boards of Directors are appointed by
7 the governing authorities of the counties within each CSB's service area; and

8 WHEREAS, as a vital part of Georgia's Public Safety Net, CSBs serve eligible persons with
9 serious mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and/or addictive diseases
10 who have no insurance or have limited means to pay for treatment, while also serving
11 individuals with Medicaid and, as capacity allows, those with other insurance; and

12 WHEREAS, CSBs have established a sterling reputation throughout Georgia for improving
13 the quality of life of many of this state's most vulnerable citizens by providing high-quality
14 and cost-effective care; and

15 WHEREAS, nearly two million Georgians suffered from mental illnesses or addictive
16 diseases in the past year, more than 320,000 experienced a serious mental illness in the past
17 year, and there are more than 145,000 adults in Georgia with intellectual or developmental
18 disabilities; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Community Service Boards (GACSB), located in
20 Villa Rica, Georgia, serves as a unified voice for all 22 CSBs, providing policy and
21 legislative advocacy on both state and national levels; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of Georgia's CSBs
23 be appropriately recognized for their immeasurable contributions in delivering essential
24 behavioral health and developmental disability services across our state.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend Georgia's Community Service Boards for their many
27 outstanding contributions on behalf of the citizens of Georgia and recognize February 16,
28 2025, as Community Service Boards Day at the state capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
31 Georgia's Community Service Boards and the Georgia Association of Community Service
32 Boards.