

House Resolution 1142

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Jackson of the 68th, Hugley of the 141st, and Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing January 29, 2026, as Doula Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, a doula is a non-clinical support person who provides care to improve perinatal
3 health outcomes for laboring, birthing, and postpartum individuals, as well as loss support;
4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, the hallmarks of doula support emphasize community-based interpersonal
6 relationships, health promotion through preventive care, childbirth and health education,
7 emotional support, and the improvement of health outcomes; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has a rich history of mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters,
9 or other close individuals attending births as supportive figures, and research shows that even
10 without formal training, this support can significantly decrease the likelihood of cesarean
11 sections, shorten labor times, and improve the birthing experience; and
- 12 WHEREAS, throughout history and across cultures, community-chosen doulas have been
13 revered for their roles in supporting birthing individuals, and Georgia's doulas continue this
14 legacy by attaining certifications, working in hospitals as full time employees and training

15 other doulas and providers on trauma informed care, language inclusivity, and natural
16 comfort methods ; and

17 WHEREAS, doulas such as Tayla Kelly, Imani Gunn, Andané Brown, Ali Holness-Roland,
18 Marieh Scales, Danielle Lyles Barton, Samantha Sanders , Brandi White, Jordyn Williams,
19 Kaylee Lamberr, Christina Lundy, Koya Siebie, Mislene Cherisca, Natasha Morales, Yvette
20 Young, Jaela Lewis, Yvette Young, Natasha Goodman, Carla Gochett, Berthina Marquez,
21 Janisa Camille, and Liv Hood are making a meaningful difference in Georgia through their
22 services, agencies, and advocacy; and

23 WHEREAS, agencies and doula services such as YS Doula Services, The Susie King Taylor
24 Foundation, Balanced Life Pilates, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, Blooming All Over,
25 Divine Hands Doula, The Sacred Willow Doula, Damahooddoula, SunSoulistic LLC, Birthin
26 Black LLC, Wellstar Hospital's Women's Health Education Support Services , Redefine
27 Wellness Holistic Coaching, LLC, The Yin Experience , Sistersong, Balanced Wellness
28 Integrative Services LLC, FMVS Inc, and Doula of The Divine provide vital support to
29 Georgia's families; and

30 WHEREAS, these agencies and individuals create opportunities for doula entrepreneurs to
31 collaborate on critical initiatives that enhance maternal and child health outcomes.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize January 29, 2026, as Doula Day at the state capitol.

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