

## House Resolution 1235

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Hatchett of the 155<sup>th</sup>, Reeves of the 99<sup>th</sup>, Burchett of the 176<sup>th</sup>, and O’Steen of the 169<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia Community Service Boards and recognizing February 5, 2026, 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 5,  
28 2026, 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.