

House Resolution 1266

By: Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Burnough of the 77th, Campbell of the 35th, Miller of the 62nd, Taylor of the 92nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the League of Women Voters of Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on April 3, 1920, the League of Women Voters of Georgia (LWVGA) was born
3 out of the women's suffrage movement during a meeting held in the home of Emily C.
4 MacDougald, a prominent Atlanta suffragist and former president of the Equal Suffrage
5 Party of Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the LWVGA has played a significant role in advancing voting rights, civic
7 education, and election integrity from the early suffrage era through modern advocacy and
8 litigation efforts; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the League's first president was Annie G. Wright of Augusta, Georgia, a major
10 figure in the state's suffrage movement; and
- 11 WHEREAS, under her leadership, the LWVGA supported legislation designed to protect
12 women and children, such as the Sheppard-Towner bill, and was instrumental in making
13 voting more accessible to women by allowing them to register to vote in department stores;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, after securing women's voting rights, suffragists dedicated their time and energy
16 to educating women about the political process to ensure that they used their new rights
17 properly, made informed decisions when voting, and could advocate for their own political
18 beliefs; and

19 WHEREAS, the LWVGA began lobbying in the 1920s, beginning its long history of fighting
20 for labor laws, prison reform, election reform, public education, and civil rights; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1952, led by President Frances Pauley, the LWVGA was victorious in its
22 attempt to defeat an amendment that would have institutionalized the county unit system in
23 Georgia, an election system that disproportionately gave power to rural, less populated
24 counties; and

25 WHEREAS, the LWVGA continued to fight discrimination, working to ensure equal access
26 to public accommodations by advocating for all Georgia students to receive an equal
27 opportunity, free education and supporting the national Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

28 WHEREAS, the LWVGA would go on to support efforts to ratify the Equal Rights
29 Amendment, the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, and the Help America Vote Act
30 of 2002; and

31 WHEREAS, in 2026, the LWVGA continues to focus its attention on issues of equality
32 surrounding access to healthcare, quality public education, environmental protection, and
33 election reform for safe, fair elections; and

34 WHEREAS, the LWVGA also works to provide voters with the resources necessary to make
35 educated decisions by publishing *Georgia Government, Citizen's Handbook* and by reporting

36 on current legislative news, lobbying for issues it deems important to all Georgia voters, and
37 advocating for open and responsible government and smart spending.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body recognize the League of Women Voters of Georgia for its historic
40 and ongoing contributions to voter education, civic engagement, and the protection of
41 democratic participation in the State of Georgia.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
44 League of Women Voters of Georgia.