

Senate Resolution 774

By: Senators Payne of the 54th, Hickman of the 4th, Still of the 48th, Gooch of the 51st, Walker III of the 20th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 25, 2026, as Charter Schools Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia's first charter school law was enacted in 1993, and there are currently
4 96 charter schools operating in communities throughout the state; and

5 WHEREAS, charter schools are tuition-free, public schools that have fair and open
6 enrollment procedures and serve students and families in all 159 counties in Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, a recent national study of charter school performance conducted by the Center
8 for Research on Education Outcomes at Stanford University found that students in charter
9 schools outperformed their peers in traditional public schools by an average of 16 additional
10 days of learning in reading and six additional days of learning in math; and

11 WHEREAS, the members of this body commend the dedicated teachers and leaders serving
12 in Georgia's charter schools and celebrate the 65,000 public school students enrolled in
13 charter schools throughout the state; and

14 WHEREAS, additional charter school seats are needed to serve the 21,000 students who
15 currently appear on charter school wait lists in Georgia.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
17 recognize February 25, 2026, as Charter Schools Day at the state capitol.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia Charter
20 Schools Association, the public, and the press.