

## House Resolution 1537

By: Representatives Schofield of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Evans of the 57<sup>th</sup>, and Berry of the 56<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Atlanta Children's Day Shelter for 40 years of service to  
2 Georgia's children and families; and for other purposes.

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4 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Children's Day Shelter was founded in 1986 through the leadership  
5 and vision of the Junior League of Atlanta and North Avenue Presbyterian Church, who  
6 recognized the urgent need to provide stability, education, and comprehensive support to  
7 young children and families experiencing homelessness; and

8 WHEREAS, for 40 years, the Atlanta Children's Day Shelter has served children and families  
9 facing housing instability by providing high-quality early childhood education,  
10 trauma-informed care, mental health services, family support, and crisis stabilization  
11 resources that create pathways toward long-term achievement and stability; and

12 WHEREAS, across the State of Georgia, approximately 2 percent of public school students  
13 lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and nearly 60,000 children statewide  
14 are homeless or living in unstable housing, a figure that has increased substantially in recent  
15 years, placing at-risk students at a severe disadvantage in educational attainment, mental  
16 health, and overall family well-being; and

17 WHEREAS, while Georgia has made progress in overall educational outcomes—such as  
18 record-high statewide graduation rates—students experiencing homelessness nationally and  
19 within Georgia continue to face academic and social-emotional challenges, graduating at  
20 lower rates compared with their peers and underscoring the need for targeted early  
21 intervention, behavioral health supports, and wrap-around services; and

22 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Children's Day Shelter advances a nationally recognized  
23 two-generation (2Gen) approach, supporting both children and their parents  
24 simultaneously—ensuring that children receive high-quality early education and  
25 social-emotional support within a trauma-informed environment while parents gain access  
26 to workforce development, housing stability resources, mental health services, and  
27 individualized case management that strengthen the entire family unit; and

28 WHEREAS, by centering resilience, healing, and whole-family well-being and through the  
29 dedication of its staff, board members, volunteers, donors, and community partners, the  
30 Atlanta Children's Day Shelter has strengthened thousands of families, fostered school  
31 readiness, and helped build a more resilient and opportunity-rich future for communities  
32 across the State of Georgia.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body recognize and commend the Atlanta Children's Day Shelter for 40  
35 years of transformative service to Georgia's children and families; honor its leadership in  
36 advancing a comprehensive two-generation strategy rooted in education, mental health, and  
37 trauma-informed care; and extend their appreciation for its vital contributions to improving  
38 the long-term educational, emotional, and life outcomes of children and families  
39 experiencing homelessness.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
42 Atlanta Children's Day Shelter.