

## House Resolution 1724

By: Representatives Ridley of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Park of the 107<sup>th</sup>, Fleming of the 114<sup>th</sup>, Sanchez of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State  
2 University on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia State University Policy School welcomed its inaugural class in the  
4 fall of 1996 through the collective efforts of more than 200 distinguished faculty members  
5 committed to excellence in public policy scholarship and instruction, and under the  
6 leadership of its deans in succession, Dr. Roy Bahl, Dr. James Alm, Dr. W. Bartley Hildreth,  
7 Dr. Robert Moore, Dr. Mary Beth Walker, Dr. Sally Wallace, Dr. Ann-Margaret Esnard, and  
8 Dr. Thomas J. Vicino, it has steadfastly advanced the objective of achieving excellence in  
9 the design, implementation, and evaluation of public policy in order to prepare its students  
10 to serve and lead public and nonprofit institutions throughout the State of Georgia and  
11 beyond; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1999, the Georgia Board of Regents approved the naming of the school in  
13 honor of Ambassador Andrew Young, and through the support of corporate and  
14 philanthropic partners, the school strengthened its commitment to global engagement, human  
15 rights, and the advancement of economic opportunity as a means to improve quality of life  
16 for all citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, over three decades, the Andrew Young School has expanded into a nationally  
18 recognized school ranked in the top 20 of schools of public affairs, and it now encompasses  
19 a distinctive group of disciplines, including criminal justice and criminology, economics,  
20 public management and policy, social work, and urban studies that collaborate to address  
21 complex public challenges in innovative and evidence-based ways; and

22 WHEREAS, the school has been strengthened by the generous support of the State of  
23 Georgia, the Georgia General Assembly, and numerous benefactors, enabling the growth of  
24 nationally and internationally recognized research centers, including the Georgia Health  
25 Policy Center, Georgia Policy Labs, the Fiscal Research Center, the Center for State and  
26 Local Finance, the International Center for Public Policy, and the Experimental Economics  
27 Center; and

28 WHEREAS, through these centers and its academic programs, the Andrew Young School  
29 advances scholarship and applied research in critical policy domains such as health policy,  
30 public finance and budgeting, education policy, cybersecurity, nonprofit management, and  
31 urban policy, bringing distinction to the State of Georgia and informing sound policymaking  
32 at the local, state, national, and global levels; and

33 WHEREAS, the school enrolls more than 2,200 students annually and has educated over  
34 20,000 alumni who serve in leadership roles across government agencies, nonprofit  
35 organizations, international institutions, and the private sector, strengthening communities  
36 throughout Georgia and around the world; and

37 WHEREAS, consistent with its founding mission, the Andrew Young School integrates  
38 rigorous academic instruction with hands-on experiential learning, including internships,

39 community partnerships, policy consulting, and interdisciplinary initiatives, thereby  
40 cultivating the next generation of ethical, innovative, and service-oriented leaders; and

41 WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 30th anniversary of the Andrew Young School of  
42 Policy Studies, providing an opportunity to recognize its enduring contributions to public  
43 service education, policy research, economic development, and community advancement  
44 across this state.

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
46 the members of this body recognize and commend the Andrew Young School of Policy  
47 Studies at Georgia State University on the occasion of its 30th anniversary and express their  
48 appreciation for its substantial and continuing contributions to the education of policymakers,  
49 public servants, nonprofit leaders, and scholars for the State of Georgia.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
51 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
52 Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University.