

House Resolution 160

By: Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Dempsey of the 13th, Parrish of the 158th, Hatchett of the 155th, and Evans of the 57th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and commending the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children began in 1996 when a group of
3 nonprofit agencies serving at-risk system-involved children gathered and founded what is
4 now known as the collaborative nonprofit Multi-Agency Alliance for Children (MAAC); and
- 5 WHEREAS, MAAC coordinates people, resources, information, and a network of quality
6 providers to create positive outcomes for vulnerable youth and families; and
- 7 WHEREAS, MAAC focuses on a seamless continuum of services and care in addressing all
8 the needs of the child, adolescent, and family, including behavioral health services and
9 services that are trauma responsive and reflective of adolescent brain development,
10 individualizing treatment and care and reducing the number of placements of children and
11 youth in various out-of-home care settings while working towards ending duplication of
12 services; and
- 13 WHEREAS, MAAC focuses its work on filling service gaps, building innovative solutions
14 within the child welfare system, collaborating with partner agencies, and focusing on
15 providing care coordination and other services that emphasize youth voice and choice; and

16 WHEREAS, MAAC serves youth across Georgia through their network collaborative and
17 Permanency Focused, Action-oriented, Collaboration, and Team-based (PACT) Program to
18 provide youth with programs such as Georgia EmpowerMENT; Learn, Educate, Achieve,
19 Dream, Succeed (LEADS); Opportunity Passport; MAAC Education and Training (MET);
20 and Teen Parent Connection; and

21 WHEREAS, each of MAAC's member entities and affiliates serving youth across Georgia
22 utilize national best practices, and each has accreditation from a national accreditation body;
23 MAAC also has achieved Council on Accreditation recognition and is a Sanctuary Certified
24 organization; and

25 WHEREAS, MAAC's current provider member entities are Creative Community Services
26 Inc., Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Georgia, Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and
27 Family Ministries Inc., Georgia Elks Aidmore Children's Center, Goshen Valley, Hillside
28 Inc., The Methodist Homes, Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, and Youth Villages;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, MAAC and its members provide a variety of services to these children,
31 adolescents, and families, including residential care through its child caring institutions, crisis
32 continuum, specialized family foster care through child placing agencies, group homes,
33 community-based high fidelity wraparound, education success support, workforce
34 development and career training, life skills training, financial literacy, and intensive
35 psychiatric care; and

36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished organization, including
37 its member entities and affiliates, be appropriately recognized for the care it provides to
38 Georgians.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body honor and commend the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children and
41 its member entities and affiliates for their tireless, efficient, effective, unselfish, and
42 dedicated public service to the children, adolescents, and families of this state.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
45 Multi-Agency Alliance for Children.