

Senate Resolution 192

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Setzler of the 37th, Hatchett of the 50th, Payne of the 54th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Georgia for 50 years
2 of dedicated and outstanding service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health, founded in 1912 by special education
4 pioneer Helena Devereux, operates a comprehensive national network of clinical,
5 therapeutic, educational, and employment programs and services that positively impact the
6 lives of tens of thousands of children, adults, and their families every year; and

7 WHEREAS, Devereux is now one of the nation's largest nonprofit organizations providing
8 services, insight, and leadership in the evolving field of behavioral healthcare and serving
9 many of our country's most vulnerable populations in the areas of autism, intellectual and
10 developmental disabilities, specialty mental health, education, and foster care; and

11 WHEREAS, Devereux Georgia was established in Cobb County in 1973 at the request of
12 then-Governor Jimmy Carter's administration; and

13 WHEREAS, since that time, Devereux Georgia has offered hope and healing to children and
14 adolescents and their families who are living with emotional, behavioral, and cognitive
15 differences; and

16 WHEREAS, Devereux Georgia employees work tirelessly to provide the highest quality and
17 most compassionate care and support for youth impacted by behavioral health concerns via
18 a comprehensive continuum of care of programs including: comprehensive assessments,
19 diagnostics, and measurements to support data-driven care; evidence-based treatment and
20 special education; transition and independent life services; family education and professional
21 training; research and innovation to advance the field; and advocacy, public awareness, and
22 prevention; and

23 WHEREAS, Devereux Georgia is accredited by The Joint Commission, which sets it apart
24 and indicates the highest standard in healthcare, and is licensed by the state with clinicians
25 who offer expertise in evidenced-based trauma-informed treatment reflective of adolescent
26 brain development, including trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, dialectical
27 behavior therapy, neurofeedback, behavior analysis, and Devereux positive behavior
28 intervention and supports.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 extend their deepest appreciation and respect to Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health
31 Georgia as well as its staff, advisory board members, and volunteers, and convey to them this
32 legislative body's most sincere commendation for its 50 years of service in Georgia.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Devereux
35 Advanced Behavioral Health Georgia.