

Senate Resolution 596

By: Senators Echols of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st, Still of the 48th, Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Center for Civic Engagement and Engage Club
2 programs, which sponsor Youth Assembly among other programs that cultivate youth civic
3 engagement; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Youth Assembly is a model state legislature for high school
5 students in which students serve as legislators, justices, attorneys, press corps members, and
6 lobbyists; and

7 WHEREAS, participants in the Youth Assembly may run for the offices of Youth Governor,
8 Lt. Governor, and Speaker of the House; and

9 WHEREAS, students participating in the Youth Assembly are also given the opportunity to
10 explore the role the media plays in government by participating in the production of a daily
11 newspaper; and

12 WHEREAS, established in 1946, the Youth Assembly conference takes place in the historic
13 halls of the Georgia State Capitol, providing participants with an experience of a lifetime;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, this year, the Youth Assembly celebrates its 80th anniversary, and the Center
16 for Civic Engagement celebrates more than 95 years of excellence and tradition; and

17 WHEREAS, the 79th Youth Assembly was made up of many bright and eager young leaders,
18 including Youth Governor Allison Waltman of Watkinsville; Lt. Governor Aarayan
19 Kolsawala of Duluth; Speaker of the House Sara Mitchell of Watkinsville; President Pro
20 Tem Riyana Bhatt of Bogart; Speaker Pro Tem Clay Disharoon of Dawsonville; Chief
21 Justice Rohan Patel of Watkinsville; Associate Justice Addison Boyer of Madison; Associate
22 Justice Brady Hawkins of Watkinsville; Associate Justice Judah Whaley of Jonesboro;
23 Secretary of the Senate Ben Caswell of Cartersville; Senate Floor Leader Katia Busch of
24 Bogart; Clerk of the House Emalee Collins of Armuchee; and House Floor Leader Karley
25 Mercer of Cumming; and

26 WHEREAS, the 80th Youth Assembly was made up of many bright and eager young leaders,
27 including Youth Governor Mary Eloise Tymchuk of Gainesville, Lt. Governor Andre
28 Williams of Thomasville, and Speaker of the House Kennedy Wiedower of Watkinsville; and

29 WHEREAS, the Youth Assembly allows students to experience firsthand the excitement and
30 importance behind the legislative process and better understand the complexity of the
31 lawmaking process in this state.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend the Center for Civic Engagement's Georgia Youth Assembly for 80 years of
34 teaching Georgia's future leaders the legislative and state government process.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia Center
37 for Civic Engagement.