

## House Resolution 852

By: Representatives Bordeaux of the 151<sup>st</sup> and Reichert of the 126<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the value of Law-Related Education (LRE); recognizing the Georgia LRE  
2 program in the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia, the  
3 Georgia LRE Consortium, the Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition, and the Young  
4 Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia for promoting Law-Related Education;  
5 recognizing January 29, 2002, as "LRE Day at the State Capitol"; and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, Law-Related Education is designed to teach people about law and the  
7 fundamental principles upon which it is based by providing instruction concerning legal  
8 rights and responsibilities and encouraging informed participation in our democratic form  
9 of government; and

10 WHEREAS, research in Law-Related Education demonstrates a significantly positive impact  
11 on all young people, especially those regarded as "at risk"; and

12 WHEREAS, a Law-Related Education Program was established at Georgia State University  
13 in the mid-1980s and was relocated to the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the  
14 University of Georgia in the late 1980s; and

15 WHEREAS, the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia recognizes the value  
16 of Law-Related Education and has supported the program for nearly two decades; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia LRE Consortium was founded in 1990 to promote Law-Related  
18 Education, generally, as well as the Law-Related Education Program in the Carl Vinson  
19 Institute of Government; and

20 WHEREAS, the Law-Related Education Program in the Carl Vinson Institute of Government  
21 has curriculum materials for kindergarten through twelfth grade, including the popular high  
22 school text, *An Introduction to Law in Georgia*, written in partnership with the Young

1 Lawyers Division of the State Bar and of which over 3,000 copies are currently used in  
2 Georgia's schools; and

3 WHEREAS, the Law-Related Education Program in the Carl Vinson Institute of Government  
4 offers teacher training to school systems and regional educational service agencies across the  
5 state, having trained nearly 150 teachers in 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Law-Related Education in Georgia is greatly enriched by extracurricular  
7 programs, especially the Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the  
8 Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition has a record 119 schools and  
10 over 1,600 students participating in the 2001-02 competition and has won two previous  
11 national championships.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
13 the members of this body recognize the value of Law-Related Education to the young people  
14 of the State of Georgia.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body commend the Law-Related  
16 Education Program in the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia,  
17 the Georgia LRE Consortium, the Georgia High School Mock Trial Program, and the Young  
18 Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia for the development of Law-Related Education  
19 programs and projects available to all schools and all school children in this state and  
20 recognize January 29, 2002, as "LRE Day at the State Capitol."

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Dr. James G. Ledbetter, the  
23 Director of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government; Judge John H. Ruffin, the Chairperson  
24 of the Georgia LRE Consortium; Christine S. Barker, the Chairperson of the Young Lawyers  
25 Division Mock Trial Committee; and Peter J. Daughtery, the President of the Young Lawyers  
26 Division of the State Bar of Georgia.