

## House Resolution 910

By: Representatives Walker of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Rogers of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Bridges of the 9<sup>th</sup>, Mills of the 21<sup>st</sup>, Amerson of the 7<sup>th</sup> and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending various local boards of education and Christian Learning Center Boards; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Released Time Bible Education is a time set aside during the school day when  
4 students, with parental permission, may leave school grounds to attend off-campus Bible  
5 education classes; and

6 WHEREAS, students taking this class may receive elective credit; and

7 WHEREAS, thousands of public school students across America are leaving school each day  
8 to attend Released Time Bible Education programs; and

9 WHEREAS, over 1,000 off-site Released Time Bible Education classes are in operation,  
10 educating more than 250,000 public school students in 32 states; and

11 WHEREAS, the financial resources for this program come from numerous benefactors  
12 including individuals, civic and nonprofit groups, religious organizations and institutions,  
13 foundations, and businesses; and

14 WHEREAS, no public tax dollars are used to support Released Time Bible Education; and

15 WHEREAS, in *Zorach v. Clauston*, the United States Supreme Court approved Released  
16 Time Bible Education; and

17 WHEREAS, Released Time Bible Education reinforces the school's existing efforts to help  
18 children grow to cherish and care for themselves and others; and

19 WHEREAS, the curriculum teaches values such as honesty, compassion, integrity, and  
20 loyalty, as well as human worth and dignity; and

1 WHEREAS, the teachers of Released Time Bible Education classes are teachers certified by  
2 the State of Georgia; and

3 WHEREAS, Released Time Bible Education are successfully operating in Christian Learning  
4 Centers in the public school systems of Gilmer County, Gainesville, Habersham County,  
5 Fannin County, Social Circle, and Walton County; and

6 WHEREAS, the board of directors of each Christian Learning Center works in close  
7 cooperation with each local board of education to assure a clear avenue of accountability.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
9 this body commends the various local boards of education and the Christian Learning Center  
10 Boards for their vision and tireless efforts to offer Released Time Bible Education to the  
11 students of the State of Georgia and urges each local public school system to examine  
12 Released Time Bible Education and determine its viability in its own community setting.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
14 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the local boards of education  
15 of Gilmer County, Gainesville, Habersham County, Fannin County, Social Circle, and  
16 Walton County.