

Senate Resolution 510

By: Senator Kemp of the 3rd

ADOPTED SENATE

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 SENATE that the members of this body
13 recognize the value of Law-Related Education to the young people of the State of Georgia.

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

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