

## House Resolution 593

By: Representatives Coleman of the 142<sup>nd</sup>, Crawford of the 129<sup>th</sup>, Epps of the 131<sup>st</sup> and Davis of the 60<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Supreme Court of Georgia to accept the Motion for Modification and  
2 Administrative and Equitable Relief of John Marshall Law School for a vacation, or in the  
3 alternative, a suspension of the Order mandating that all applicants for the Georgia Bar  
4 Examination attending law schools not accredited by the American Bar Association graduate  
5 on or before August 31, 2003; and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, John Marshall Law School (JMLS) has been serving the people of the State of  
7 Georgia for almost seven decades; and

8 WHEREAS, JMLS has stated that its mission is to provide educational opportunities in law  
9 to those segments of our society who have been traditionally under-represented, including  
10 minority persons and communities; and

11 WHEREAS, JMLS has historically pursued this mission vigorously and has been recognized  
12 by the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus for its achievements and commitment; and

13 WHEREAS, the Argosy Education Group, Inc., the nation's largest for-profit provider of  
14 professional education programs, has purchased JMLS giving it a sound financial base and  
15 has appointed a qualified and highly respected educator as Dean and CEO; and

16 WHEREAS, JMLS has requested the Supreme Court of Georgia to vacate, or in the  
17 alternative, to suspend the Order mandating graduation by August 31, 2003, for students to  
18 be eligible to sit for the Georgia Bar Examination, in order to facilitate its application for  
19 accreditation by the American Bar Association; and

20 WHEREAS, JMLS intends to apply to the American Bar Association for provisional  
21 approval at the earliest opportunity and the law school requires a vacation or suspension of  
22 the Order to facilitate its application; and

1 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that John Marshall Law School continue to serve the  
2 needs of the people of this state as an ABA approved law school.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
4 this body urges the Supreme Court of Georgia to accept the Motion for Modification and  
5 Administrative and Equitable Relief of John Marshall Law School for a vacation, or in the  
6 alternative, a suspension of the Order mandating that all applicants for the Georgia Bar  
7 Examination attending law schools not accredited by the American Bar Association graduate  
8 on or before August 31, 2003.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
10 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Supreme Court of Georgia  
11 and to the Governor of Georgia.