

House Resolution 599

By: Representatives Epps of the 131st, Smyre of the 136th, Brooks of the 54th, McKinney of the 51st, Sailor of the 71st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the Motion for Modification and Administrative and Equitable Relief of John
2 Marshall Law School before the Supreme Court of Georgia 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 its mission as providing educational opportunities in law to
9 those segments of our society which have been traditionally under represented, including
10 minority persons and communities; and

11 WHEREAS, historically, JMLS has pursued this mission vigorously and remains firm in its
12 commitment to it; and

13 WHEREAS, JMLS has been purchased by the Argosy Education Group, Inc., the nation's
14 largest for profit provider of professional level programs, thus placing JMLS on sound
15 financial footing; and

16 WHEREAS, JMLS has recently announced the appointment of a serious, qualified, and
17 highly respected educator as Dean and CEO; and

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

1 WHEREAS, JMLS intends to apply to the American Bar Association for provisional
2 approval at the earliest opportunity; and

3 WHEREAS, JMLS requires a vacation or suspension of the above-mentioned order to
4 facilitate its application; and

5 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that JMLS continue to serve the needs of the people
6 of this state as an ABA approved law school.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body support John Marshall Law School's motion and urge the Supreme
9 Court to grant the relief sought therein.