

House Resolution 1051

By: Representatives Drenner of the 57th and Henson of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Refugee Family Services; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Refugee Family Services' mission is to help refugee and immigrant women and
3 children regain self-sufficiency through education, economic opportunities, and direct
4 support; and

5 WHEREAS, many of Atlanta's current refugee population have arrived here from Bosnia,
6 Somalia, Sudan, Vietnam, and Kurdish and Arabic regions of Iraq who often only recently
7 escaped protracted civil wars and massive human suffering; and

8 WHEREAS, Refugee Family Services attempts to make the transition refugees and
9 immigrants face living in a new and foreign culture much less difficult; and

10 WHEREAS, they offer a wide range of programs oriented toward women on matters of
11 nutrition, immunizations, maternal care, and breast cancer awareness; and

12 WHEREAS, programs assisting women and mothers include job readiness training, job
13 placement services, instruction on issues of domestic violence in refugee communities,
14 lessons on urban American living, and parental and student support through bilingual liaisons
15 facilitating family communications with their children's schools; and

16 WHEREAS, Refugee Family Services provides refugee children with academic, social, and
17 emotional support as they take on the rigorous challenge of integrating into American
18 schools and youth culture; and

19 WHEREAS, Refugee Family Services is equipped to offer families specific youth services
20 such as child care, after school programs, one on one tutoring in English, conflict resolution,
21 and sports and recreation programs, all geared toward preventing violence, juvenile
22 delinquency, teen pregnancy, and substance abuse among these children.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 this body commends Refugee Human Services for their dedication to assisting and educating
3 future Americans adjusting to their new home and for the immeasurable value of their work.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Refugee Family Services.