

## House Resolution 1444

By: Representatives Thomas Morgan of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, Post 2, Teilhet of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Post 2, Manning of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Stoner of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Post 1, Dooley of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, Post 3, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Kennesaw State University's Adult Learner Student Organization; recognizing  
2 April 9, 2004, as "Adult Learner Day"; inviting the president of Kennesaw State University,  
3 Dr. Betty Siegel, to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, on April 9, 2003, Kennesaw State University's Student Activities and Budget  
5 Advisory Committee recognized the Adult Learner Student Organization (ALSO) as a newly  
6 registered student organization on campus; and

7 WHEREAS, 40 percent of nontraditional students "stop out" of school at least once during  
8 their collegiate careers, compared with 19 percent of traditional-age students, and, like all  
9 other student subpopulations, adult learners have specific needs and challenges that deserve  
10 specific allocations of campus resources in order to assure them a higher probability of  
11 academic success; and

12 WHEREAS, *Nontraditional Students Report* finds that regardless of the size or type of  
13 learning institution, nontraditional students benefit greatly by having an organization they  
14 can call their own; and

15 WHEREAS, institutional support is a critical and necessary part of creating and maintaining  
16 a successful nontraditional student support program and, as such, it is important to actively  
17 cultivate new and exciting mutually beneficial community collaborative partnerships, such  
18 as an adult learner social organization; and

19 WHEREAS, many concerned Kennesaw State University students have reported an interest  
20 and need in, as well as a belief in the viability of, a campus social organization targeted to  
21 nontraditional students; and

22 WHEREAS, Kennesaw State University's Adult Learner Student Organization creates a  
23 social group focused on providing an environment favorable to networking, academic, social,

1 professional, and motivational support for its members and provides a forum to address  
2 issues and concerns of the adult learner as well as to generate awareness thereof.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
4 the members of this body commend the Kennesaw State University's Adult Learner Student  
5 Organization for enriching the learning experience and environment of nontraditional college  
6 students and recognize April 9, 2004, as "Adult Learner Day."

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the president of Kennesaw State University, Dr. Betty  
8 Siegel, is invited to appear before the House of Representatives at a day and a time to be  
9 determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
11 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Adult Learner Student  
12 Organization and to Dr. Betty Siegel.