

House Resolution 1548

By: Representatives Harper of the 88th, Post 2, Butler of the 88th, Post 1, and Smith of the 87th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the National Fatherhood Initiative; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives recognizes the important role of fathers
3 in the lives of children and the fact that one in three children in America grows up in a home
4 without his or her biological father present; and
- 5 WHEREAS, these 24 million children are five times more likely to live in poverty, three
6 times more likely to fail in school, two times more likely to be abused and neglected, two
7 times more likely to become involved in crime, two times more likely to develop emotional
8 or behavioral problems, and three times more likely to commit suicide than children who live
9 with their father; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the presence of a biological father in the home has a positive and long-lasting
11 impact on children and this positive impact includes reduced incidence of delinquency, drug
12 use, and alcohol use as well as higher self-esteem, higher grades, higher test scores, and
13 overall superior academic achievement; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI) was founded in 1994 to confront the
15 most consequential social problem of our time – the widespread absence of fathers; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the mission of NFI is to improve the well-being of children by increasing the
17 proportion of children growing up with involved, responsible, and committed fathers; and
- 18 WHEREAS, NFI endeavors to accomplish this mission through a "Three E" strategy of
19 Educating, Equipping, and Engaging all sectors of society to build an awareness of the
20 importance of fathers in children's lives.
- 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body commend NFI as it holds the 7th National Summit on Fatherhood

1 in Atlanta, Georgia, hosting social workers, clergy members, educators, correctional facility
2 workers, community leaders, and those interested in promoting responsible fatherhood across
3 the nation.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of the resolution to the National Fatherhood
6 Initiative.