

House Resolution 1773

By: Representative Mitchell of the 61st, Post 3

A RESOLUTION

1 In honor of Anthony DeJuan Boatwright and designating Senate Bill 24 as "Juan's Law"; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on September 9, 2001, Anthony DeJuan (Juan) Boatwright fell into a bucket of
4 mop water at his licensed day-care center in Augusta, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he is presently semi comatose and ventilator dependent; and

6 WHEREAS, Juan's tragic accident has left his family mentally, emotionally, and financially
7 devastated and his mother, a single parent, has been forced to quit work in order to care for
8 her son; and

9 WHEREAS, his mother, Jackie Boatwright, embarked on a crusade to change the law in
10 Georgia regarding child day-care centers that are issued a state license; and

11 WHEREAS, the center where Juan was kept was not insured and there is currently no law
12 in Georgia that requires any form of liability insurance prior to being issued a state license
13 to care for children nor is there a law requiring a child day-care center operator to inform a
14 parent of the lack of insurance coverage; and

15 WHEREAS, if there is no insurance coverage, there is no financial recourse for families if
16 children are seriously injured or killed while they are in the custody of day-care center
17 operators; and

18 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 24, currently under consideration by the General Assembly and
19 expected to be enacted during the 2004 regular session, would rectify this situation in part
20 by requiring that the owner of each day-care center licensed in this state provide written
21 notice to a child's parent that such facility is not covered by liability insurance; and

1 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Senate Bill 24, which will provide a
2 measure of protection, security, and peace of mind for millions of this state's parents, and
3 which is being enacted largely because of Jackie Boatwright's heroic commitment to this
4 issue, be named in honor of her son, Anthony DeJuan Boatwright.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body honor Anthony DeJuan Boatwright and in his honor designate
7 Senate Bill 24 as "Juan's Law."

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Jackie Boatwright.