House Resolution 2354

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Barnes of the 78th, Dodson of the 75th, Jordan of the 77th, Sinkfield of the 60th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the citizens of Clayton County, in conjunction with the Clayton County Commission,

2 to establish a Clayton County Missing Children's Taskforce; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in response to the problem of missing children in Clayton County, 4 Representative Roberta Abdul-Salaam and Representative Darryl Jordan, in cooperation with 5 the chairman of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby urge the 6 establishment of a Clayton County Missing Children's Taskforce; and

WHEREAS, the taskforce shall be authorized to review processes and procedures for reporting, investigating, searching for, and appropriate follow up with regard to missing children and shall collect and analyze data on children who are missing without explanation or where foul play is suspected, are known or suspected to have run away, or are known or suspected to be habitually truant; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Missing Children's Taskforce shall work collaboratively
with all local law enforcement agencies and other agencies that work with the youth in
Clayton County; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Missing Children's Taskforce shall consist of no more than 15 21 members; two members of the Georgia General Assembly; two members of the County 16 Commission; the Sheriff of Clayton County or his or her designee; the Chief of Police or his 17 or her designee; the Clayton County Juvenile Court officers or representatives as appointed 18 by the court; the Clayton County School Board and Superintendent's appointees; the District 19 20 Attorney's office appointees; the Solicitor General's office appointees; the Department of Family and Children Services appointees; the Rainbow House appointee; the Awesome, Inc., 21 appointees; the Clayton County Adolescent Health Services appointees; the Youth 22 23 Empowerment Program appointees; and others as deemed appropriate; and

- 1 WHEREAS, the taskforce shall also form a youth advisory panel consisting of one student
- 2 representative from each high school in Clayton County and at least seven middle school
- 3 students; and
- WHEREAS, this taskforce shall operate on a voluntary basis and no funds shall be set aside for purpose of this taskforce and the taskforce shall issue a written report of findings and recommendations, to be submitted no later than January 15, 2007, to the Clayton County legislative delegation of the Georgia General Assembly for consideration of appropriate legislation.
- 9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 10 the members of this body urge the establishment of a Clayton County Missing Children's
- 11 Taskforce.
- 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Clayton County Board
- 14 of Commissioners.