

## House Resolution 799

By: Representatives Carter of the 175<sup>th</sup>, Shaw of the 176<sup>th</sup>, and Black of the 174<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 24, 2007, as Valdosta/Lowndes Teens Against Bullying Day; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Valdosta/Lowndes Teens Against Bullying Committee composed of  
4 students from Lowndes High School and Valdosta High School, Valdosta/Lowndes  
5 community members and business partners, and employees of Lowndes County and  
6 Valdosta City Schools are in collaboration to take a stand against bullying in their  
7 community through teaching an anti-bullying curriculum to city and county fourth grade  
8 students; and

9 WHEREAS, the Valdosta/Lowndes Teens Against Bullying program is a program of  
10 advocacy using existing and emerging student leaders who understand the problems of  
11 bullying and how it can be resolved, thereby enhancing their schools and making them safer;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the Valdosta/Lowndes Teens Against Bullying student leaders were nominated  
14 and selected from both Lowndes and Valdosta High Schools and comprise a representation  
15 of individuals from throughout the community a variety of social, economic, and professional  
16 concerns and went through an extensive training retreat held at Valdosta Technical College  
17 on Saturday, April 14, 2007; and

18 WHEREAS, the Valdosta/Lowndes Teens Against Bullying program has the mission of  
19 educating students and the community of the negative effects of bullying and developing in  
20 them a respect for the integrity and rights of others; and

21 WHEREAS, this endeavor has received full support and approval of the Valdosta City  
22 Schools and Lowndes County Schools superintendent and board of education, Valdosta High  
23 School and Lowndes High School principals, and principals of the pilot fourth grade schools  
24 in the Valdosta City and Lowndes County School Systems; and

1 WHEREAS, the funding for this endeavor has come solely from donations from supporting  
2 businesses who perceive the goals and missions of this organization as a positive impact on  
3 the Valdosta/Lowndes community; and

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body join in expressing its support and endorsement  
5 of these efforts to improve this Georgia community.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
7 the members of this body recognize April 24, 2007, as Valdosta/Lowndes Teens Against  
8 Bullying Day in recognition of the stand these amazing students have taken against bullying  
9 and the leadership role they have undertaken in the fight for a more peaceful community.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Valdosta/Lowndes  
12 Teens Against Bullying Committee.