

## House Resolution 1014

By: Representatives Hembree of the 67<sup>th</sup>, Coleman of the 97<sup>th</sup>, Dickson of the 6<sup>th</sup>, Casas of the 103<sup>rd</sup>, Maxwell of the 17<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Strongly urging the State Board of Education to establish uniform statewide standards for  
2 honors courses; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there are currently no state-wide standards for honors courses required by the  
4 State Board of Education, and as a result, there is no uniformity among local school systems  
5 that offer honors courses to their students; and

6 WHEREAS, a high school senior earning a college preparatory diploma must have a 3.0  
7 grade point average, and a high school senior earning a career/technical diploma must have  
8 a 3.2 grade point average in order to receive a HOPE scholarship as an entering college  
9 freshman; and

10 WHEREAS, because of the lack of uniformity of honors courses provided across the state,  
11 high school students who take honors courses do not receive weighted grades for purposes  
12 of the HOPE scholarship program to compensate for the difficulty of taking such courses;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, advanced placement and international baccalaureate courses do have statewide  
15 standards, and course work for these classes does receive weighted values for purposes of  
16 determining eligibility for a HOPE scholarship; and

17 WHEREAS, the implementation of statewide standards for honors courses would ensure  
18 more equitable treatment for Georgia's students with respect to determining eligibility for  
19 a HOPE scholarship.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the State Board of Education is very strongly urged to establish uniform standards for honors  
22 courses.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the State Board of Education.