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Senate Resolution 1025

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) and declaring Tuesday,
- 2 March 4, 2008, as AVID Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) was developed by Ms.
- 4 Mary Catherine Swanson at Clairemont High School in 1980; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the program began as an elective class taken during the regular school day
- 6 where students were held to the highest standards and provided with academic and social
- 7 support; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in 1992, the AVID Center was established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
- 9 organization, and the program since has evolved into a fourth through twelfth grade system
- 10 that successfully prepares those students who fall within the academic median for college
- 11 eligibility; and
- 12 WHEREAS, beginning in one high school with 32 students, the AVID program has now
- expanded to 45 states, 15 countries, and 3,500 school districts, impacting over 300,000
- 14 students, and
- 15 WHEREAS, AVID's systemic approach is designed to support students and educators as they
- 16 increase school-wide and district-wide learning and performance; and
- 17 WHEREAS, public sector funding, independent research, and AVID's own data shows that
- 18 AVID students are more likely to take Advance Placement classes, complete their college
- 19 eligibility requirements, and be accepted into four-year colleges; and
- 20 WHEREAS, AVID is in nine school districts and 47 schools in Georgia and impacts 10,000
- 21 students, and

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1 WHEREAS, the students and school districts impacted by AVID in Georgia will experience

- 2 dramatic growth in the next three years, in large part due to public-private partnerships and
- 3 the generous financial investments of Mr. Eric Swartz and the Swartz Greater Atlanta Project
- 4 for Children of Hope.
- 5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 6 join together in recognizing the contributions of AVID to the community, state, and country,
- 7 and declare Tuesday, March 4, 2008, as AVID Day at the Capitol.
- 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 9 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Mr. Kevin Harris and Mr. Eric Swartz.