

Senate Resolution 1240

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April, 2010, as Criminal Justice: Second Chance/Re-Entry Month at the state
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, equality for all Georgians is a fundamental right and one of life's most precious
4 gifts; and

5 WHEREAS, this state is facing an appalling and unacceptable recidivism pandemic that is
6 fueled by the prevalence of uneducated offenders whose socio-economic standings preclude
7 them from negotiating the criminal justice maze; and

8 WHEREAS, community programs and services are needed to ensure public safety and
9 reduce recidivism, through the collaboration between federal and local government, business,
10 health, education, faith based, and social service providers; and

11 WHEREAS, communities and neighborhoods must embrace offenders upon their return from
12 incarceration and help these individuals pull themselves up and establish a better life; and

13 WHEREAS, Georgians can reduce recidivism by educating themselves on the criminal
14 justice process, encouraging responsible behavior on the part of others, and supporting past
15 offenders in their quests to follow the right path; and

16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize April, 2010, as Criminal Justice:
17 Second Chance/Re-Entry Month at the state capitol in honor of the individuals, governments,
18 and organizations working diligently to reduce the recidivism rate in Georgia.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 recognize the need of community based programs tailored to reduce recidivism and promote
21 re-entrance by offenders into their communities and acknowledge April, 2010, as Criminal
22 Justice: Second Chance/Re-Entry Month at the state capitol.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to members of the public and the press.