

## House Resolution 2113

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Morgan of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, Kaiser of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Dobbs of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, every child deserves a nurturing family and safe environment, free from fear,  
4 abuse, and neglect; and

5 WHEREAS, the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy works diligently to champion the needs  
6 of sexually and severely physically abused children through prevention, intervention,  
7 therapy, and collaboration; and

8 WHEREAS, the Center provides a safe, friendly place for abused children with long-term  
9 psychological treatment to victims and their families and assistance with the investigation  
10 of abuse cases; and

11 WHEREAS, on April 23, 2010, the Center will celebrate the lives of Georgia's children who  
12 have been lost to child abuse with its first Children's Memorial flag raising on the Center's  
13 upper lawn; and

14 WHEREAS, the Center will fly a flag for a month in honor of Georgia's children and as a  
15 reminder that it is the responsibility of every adult to protect children from harm; and

16 WHEREAS, the Children's Memorial Flag Initiative was started in 1998 by the Child  
17 Welfare League of America as a public awareness campaign to direct attention to the tragedy  
18 of violent child deaths as a part of a national initiative to reduce child mortality; and

19 WHEREAS, the flag to be raised at the Center on April 23rd was created by a 16-year-old  
20 student from California and depicts blue paper-doll-like figures of children holding hands  
21 with a chalk-outlined figure of a child missing from the group, symbolizing a child lost to  
22 violence; and

23 WHEREAS, the amazing work of the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy in protecting  
24 Georgia's children is worthy of recognition.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body commend the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy for its service  
27 as a champion for children in Georgia and recognize its Children's Memorial flag raising as  
28 a way of bringing attention to the problem of violence against children.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Center for Child  
31 Advocacy.