

## House Resolution 187

By: Representatives Loudermilk of the 14<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Franklin of the 43<sup>rd</sup>, Rice of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring February 4, 2009, as Home Education Day at the state capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives are dedicated to excellence in  
4 education; and

5 WHEREAS, the members of this body believe in the fundamental responsibility and right  
6 to ensure the best quality education for this state's children, and parental choice and  
7 involvement are crucial to excellence in education; and

8 WHEREAS, home education has been a major part of America's education system since the  
9 beginning of our nation and demonstrates the American ideals of liberty, innovation, and  
10 individual responsibility; and

11 WHEREAS, many American statesmen and leaders, including George Washington, Patrick  
12 Henry, John Quincy Adams, John Marshall, Robert E. Lee, Booker T. Washington, Thomas  
13 Edison, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Mark Twain, and Andrew  
14 Carnegie, were home schooled; and

15 WHEREAS, home schooled students continue to exhibit excellence in academic achievement  
16 and perform well above the national average on standardized achievement tests; and

17 WHEREAS, home educated students in Georgia have continually exhibited high standards  
18 of academic achievement and citizenship.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body recognize the parents' right to choose the best education for their  
21 children and that home education has proven to be a successful form of education.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wednesday, February 4, 2009, is acknowledged as  
23 Home Education Day at the state capitol.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.