

House Resolution 576

By: Representatives Stephens of the 161st, Bryant of the 160th, Gordon of the 162nd, Day of the 163rd, and Carter of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Savannah College of Art and Design for opening its new
2 campus in Hong Kong; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) was among six organizations
4 recommended to receive historic buildings from the Hong Kong government as a result of
5 the country's "Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme"; and

6 WHEREAS, SCAD, which opened its first campus in Savannah, Georgia, in 1979, will be
7 the first United States university to establish a degree-earning campus in Hong Kong which
8 will be located in the historic North Kowloon Magistracy Building; and

9 WHEREAS, SCAD has committed to investing its own capital in conserving the Hong Kong
10 location, creating new jobs for faculty and staff in Hong Kong, and offering scholarships to
11 worthy students, and promising students nine academic disciplines with 14 degree programs;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the school has been recognized as a leader in the field of historic conservation
14 and adaptive rehabilitation, revitalizing a variety of buildings and historic structures that
15 serve as testaments to art, architecture, and design; and

16 WHEREAS, serving as models for conservationists world wide, SCAD has successfully
17 integrated their educational facilities to the historic fabric of local communities on their
18 Savannah, Atlanta, and Lacoste, France campuses; and

19 WHEREAS, for the school's outstanding work in conservation, SCAD has earned recognition
20 from the United States National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Georgia Trust for
21 Historic Preservation, the Historic Savannah Foundation, the Art Deco Societies of America,
22 the International Downtown Association, the Victorian Society in America, and the
23 American Institute of Architects; and

24 WHEREAS, with over 9,000 students enrolled in SCAD campuses that span two continents,
25 an additional campus in Hong Kong will become the preeminent site for the study of digital
26 media in Hong Kong and the location is a natural fit for the SCAD legacy.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend the great contributions of the Savannah College of Art
29 and Design to the field of education and historic conservation and congratulate the school's
30 students, faculty, and staff on their new campus in Hong Kong.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Savannah College of Art
33 and Design.