

## House Resolution 1079

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Taylor of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Long of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Bruce of the 64<sup>th</sup>, Sinkfield of the 60<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Paul L. Howard, Jr., and Ms. Bettianne C. Hart; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) held their Annual  
4 Conference where a select group of elected women from across the nation joined forces with  
5 the "Love is Not Abuse" campaign sponsored by Liz Claiborne, Inc.; and

6 WHEREAS, the "Love is Not Abuse" campaign seeks to raise awareness about the issue of  
7 teen dating violence due to the surprising number of young adolescents who are experiencing  
8 significant levels of dating violence and abuse; and

9 WHEREAS, Fulton County District Attorney Paul L. Howard, Jr., and Deputy District  
10 Attorney Bettianne C. Hart have been instrumental in promoting and increasing  
11 participation in this important outreach program throughout Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Howard and Ms. Hart conscientiously and diligently devoted their time and  
13 efforts to assisting in the "Love is Not Abuse" campaign, and their efforts have generated  
14 increased awareness and a decrease in the level of teen dating violence; and

15 WHEREAS, on February 8-10, 2009, Mr. Howard hosted a regional youth summit entitled  
16 "Let's Rap About R.A.P.-Relationship Abuse Prevention," dedicated to ending youth  
17 relationship violence; and

18 WHEREAS, with co-sponsorship by Alston & Bird, Spelman College, the Georgia Institute  
19 of Technology, Morehouse College, and New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, the  
20 conference included important programs such as victim and expert panels and discussions  
21 and workshops on equality, respect, establishing healthy relationships, and identifying signs  
22 of abuse; and

23 WHEREAS, these two dedicated public servants merit recognition for their efforts with  
24 respect to this issue and the protection of our youth, who are our nation's greatest resource.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 this body does hereby recognize and commend Mr. Paul L. Howard, Jr., and Ms. Bettianne  
27 C. Hart on their remarkable efforts to reduce teen violence through the "Love is Not Abuse"  
28 campaign.

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 Mr. Paul L. Howard, Jr., and  
31 Ms. Bettianne C. Hart.