

Senate Resolution 76

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 1, 2011, as End the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Day
2 at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is a horrific crime
4 perpetrated by adult men and women who abuse children through prostitution; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia is the first state to have begun scientifically tracking the number of
6 adolescent girls victimized by CSEC across the state; and

7 WHEREAS, according to the Georgia Governor's Office for Children and Families, the
8 number of CSEC victims doubled from approximately 250 to nearly 500 girls each month
9 from late 2007 to early 2010; and

10 WHEREAS, according to *A Future. Not A Past.*, a scientific study of men who buy sex with
11 young females, 7,200 men pay for sex with an adolescent female each month in Georgia,
12 accounting for 8,700 paid sex acts, and a significant portion of these men as "repeat
13 customers"; and

14 WHEREAS, hundreds of grassroots activists will gather at the state capitol on February 1,
15 2011, to raise awareness about the need to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children
16 in Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, Street GRACE, *A Future. Not A Past.*, and Wellspring Living have worked
18 together to organize and empower tens of thousands of grassroots activists across the state
19 of Georgia to end CSEC; and

20 WHEREAS, over 4,000 Georgians attended the premiere of *The Candy Shop*, a film about
21 CSEC, at Fox Theatre and hosted by Street GRACE; and

22 WHEREAS, after several years developing a first-of-its-kind coordinated statewide effort
23 to end CSEC, Georgia was the first state under study to begin seeing a systematic decline in
24 the number of adolescent CSEC victims.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize February 1, 2011, as End the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Day at
27 the state capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Street GRACE and Wellspring Living.