

## House Resolution 88

By: Representatives Brockway of the 101<sup>st</sup>, Clark of the 98<sup>th</sup>, Manning of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Sheldon of the 105<sup>th</sup>, Atwood of the 179<sup>th</sup>, and others

## 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body recognize February 1, 2011, as End the Commercial Sexual  
27 Exploitation of Children Day at the state capitol.

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