

## House Resolution 402

By: Representatives Mills of the 25<sup>th</sup>, Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>, and Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Georgia Underage Alcohol Investigations Group of the Department of  
2 Revenue's Alcohol and Tobacco Division; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Underage Alcohol Investigations Group (UAIG) of the Department  
4 of Revenue's Alcohol and Tobacco Division is a program designed to decrease the  
5 commercial availability of alcohol to underage persons from licensed alcohol outlets; and

6 WHEREAS, the UAIG collects and compiles data on the commercial availability of alcohol  
7 to underage persons and violation information from investigations; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2007, the UAIG conducted operation "Zero Tolerance," in which its  
9 investigations focused on determining whether licensed alcohol sellers located in close  
10 proximity to colleges and technical schools were selling alcohol to those under the legal  
11 drinking age; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2008, UAIG broadened its goal of decreasing availability of alcohol to  
13 underage persons by committing to investigate compliance of state law by licensed locations  
14 in all 159 counties in Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2009, the UAIG returned to businesses in counties where instances of selling  
16 alcohol to minors was above 20 percent; and

17 WHEREAS, through over 3,320 compliance investigations in 2009 alone, the UAIG has  
18 determined that the number of sales made to underage Georgians decreased from 30 percent  
19 in 2008 to 17 percent in 2009; and

20 WHEREAS, as a result of the hard work and dedication of the UAIG team, Georgia has been  
21 recognized with a 2010 Success Story Award from the Office of Juvenile Justice  
22 Delinquency Prevention; and

23 WHEREAS, the success of the UAIG is thanks to good team members Johnny Brown, Jared  
24 Deal, Courtney Edwards, Sarah Mercer, Scott Self, Mark Sprayberry, Mary Ellen Stapleton,  
25 and Benito Timpano; and

26 WHEREAS, the good work of the UAIG in enhancing awareness of the seriousness of  
27 underage drinking is worthy of recognition.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend the efforts of the Georgia Underage Alcohol  
30 Investigations Group of the Department of Revenue's Alcohol and Tobacco Division to  
31 decrease the sales of alcohol to minors and salute this dedicated team on their national  
32 recognition.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copies of this resolution to each member of the  
35 Georgia Underage Alcohol Investigations Group of the Department of Revenue's Alcohol  
36 and Tobacco Division.