

House Resolution 556

By: Representatives Morgan of the 39th, Casas of the 103rd, Coleman of the 97th, Ashe of the 56th, Evans of the 40th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) and declaring Wednesday,
2 March 23, 2011, AVID Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) was developed in 1980 as
4 a college readiness program by Mary Catherine Swanson at Claremont High School; and

5 WHEREAS, the program began as an elective class taken during the regular school day
6 where students were held to the highest standards and provided with academic and social
7 support; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1992, the AVID Center was established as a nonprofit organization, and the
9 program has since evolved into a fourth through twelfth grade system of learning that
10 successfully prepares students for college readiness and eligibility; and

11 WHEREAS, from its humble beginnings in one high school with 32 students, the AVID
12 program has now expanded to 47 states, 16 countries, and 4,500 school sites, impacting over
13 400,000 students; and

14 WHEREAS, AVID's systematic approach to learning is designed to support students, parents,
15 and educators as they increase school-wide and district-wide learning and performance; and

16 WHEREAS, public sector funding organizations, independent research, and AVID's own
17 data shows that AVID students are more likely to take honors and advance placement
18 classes, complete their college eligibility requirements, and be accepted into colleges; and

19 WHEREAS, AVID is in 9 school districts and 29 schools in Georgia and impacts more than
20 10,000 Georgia students, families, and communities; and

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body commend the contributions of AVID to the community, state, and
23 country and recognize Wednesday, March 23, 2011, as AVID Day at the state capitol.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Mervin Jenkins and Dr.
26 Barbara Smith.