

House Resolution 790

By: Representatives Harbin of the 118th, Reece of the 11th, Maddox of the 172nd, Sims of the 119th, Purcell of the 159th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program, Fort
2 Stewart and Fort Gordon campuses; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Fort Gordon Youth ChalleNGe Academy (YCA) recently graduated its
4 10,000th cadet, an achievement which has been attained by only two other states; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia's YCA is part of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program that
6 intervenes in and helps reclaim the lives of at-risk youth; and

7 WHEREAS, the Youth ChalleNGe Program produces graduates with the values, skills,
8 education, self-confidence, and self-discipline necessary to succeed as adults; and

9 WHEREAS, Fort Gordon's YCA 10,000th graduate was Augusta resident Joshua Carroll,
10 who joined the program to pursue his education, gain discipline, and create better
11 opportunities for himself; and

12 WHEREAS, this YCA graduating class was the program's largest in its history, with 250
13 cadets, who donated nearly 15,000 hours of service to the community; and

14 WHEREAS, most cadet graduates of the YCA receive their GED, with at least 53 percent
15 joining Georgia's work force, 23 percent going on to college or vocational school, and 20
16 percent entering military service; and

17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
18 the Youth ChalleNGe Program be appropriately recognized.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body commend the Fort Stewart and Fort Gordon Youth ChalleNGe

21 academies for uplifting the lives of countless young Georgians and congratulate its staff,
22 students, and alumni on the momentous occasion of graduating its 10,000th cadet.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Frank Williams, state director
25 of the Georgia National Guard Youth ChalleNGe academies; Lieutenant Colonel (Ret)
26 Zimmerman, director of the Fort Gordon campus; and Dr. Bob Hughes, director of the Fort
27 Stewart campus.