

House Resolution 1242

By: Representatives Brockway of the 101st, Lindsey of the 54th, Sheldon of the 105th, O`Neal of the 146th, Ashe of the 56th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 1, 2012, as End the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Day
2 at the 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; 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 almost 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 adolescent females each month in Georgia,
12 accounting for 8,700 paid sex acts, and a significant portion of these men are repeat
13 customers; and

14 WHEREAS, hundreds of grassroots activists will gather at the capitol on February 1, 2012,
15 to raise awareness about the need to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children in
16 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, after several years of developing a first-of-its-kind coordinated state-wide effort
21 to end CSEC, Georgia is the first state under study to begin seeing a systematic decline in the
22 number of adolescent CSEC victims; and

23 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has significantly improved its criminal justice system
24 response to the crime of human trafficking with the passage of HB 200 in the 2011 session
25 of the Georgia General Assembly.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize February 1, 2012, as End the Commercial Sexual
28 Exploitation of Children Day at the capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Street GRACE, *A Future.*
31 *Not A Past.*, and Wellspring Living.