

## House Resolution 1341

By: Representatives Casas of the 103<sup>rd</sup>, Jones of the 46<sup>th</sup>, Coleman of the 97<sup>th</sup>, Dickson of the 6<sup>th</sup>, Ehrhart of the 36<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 8, 2012, as Advanced Placement Day at the capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Program offers students the  
4 opportunity to take challenging college level courses while still in high school; and

5 WHEREAS, successful performance on the end-of-course AP exams potentially qualifies  
6 students to receive college credit at colleges and universities worldwide, representing a  
7 substantial savings in college tuition for students and parents; and

8 WHEREAS, this challenging AP curriculum and exam significantly contribute toward  
9 building a globally competitive career-ready workforce in Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Education and the College Board, which administers  
11 the AP Program, have had a long-standing partnership to build AP in the State of Georgia;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, 15,668 public high school seniors in Georgia public schools scored a three or  
14 higher on at least one AP exam at some point in high school in 2010; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia had the tenth highest one-year increase of seniors scoring a three or  
16 higher on at least one AP exam in 2010; and

17 WHEREAS, this figure represents 19.1 percent of the 2010 Georgia public high school  
18 senior class, making Georgia public schools 11th in the nation in the College Board  
19 Excellence and Equity measure; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia is fifth in the nation when comparing the percentage of Georgia's  
21 African American students scoring a three or higher on at least one AP exam to that of the  
22 nation's African American student average; and

23 WHEREAS, the percentage of Hispanic, American Indian, and white public school seniors  
24 leaving high school in 2010 with a score of a three or higher on at least one exam was equal  
25 to or greater than their respective peers across the nation, closing the Excellence and Equity  
26 gap for these students; and

27 WHEREAS, progress has been made in reducing the Excellence and Equity gap for African  
28 American and low-income students in Georgia public schools.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body recognize February 8, 2012, as Advanced Placement Day at the  
31 capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.