House Resolution 1564

By: Representatives Heard of the 114th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Murphy of the 120th, Brooks of the 63rd, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1   Urging the Georgia Student Finance Commission to provide the General Assembly with the
2   necessary data and information to assess whether the HOPE scholarship program is meeting
3   its desired results; and for other purposes.

4   WHEREAS, the HOPE scholarship program was created to provide needed assistance to
5   outstanding scholars in this state and to keep those scholars in state schools; and

6   WHEREAS, through the years, HOPE has become one of the preeminent scholarship
7   programs in the nation and a source of pride for Georgia; and

8   WHEREAS, many students have benefitted from the HOPE program and have obtained an
9   education that they would not otherwise have been able to afford; and

10 WHEREAS, in recent years, the HOPE program has undergone a strain due to increasing
11 costs and flat revenues, and the General Assembly has had to make many modifications to
12 the program to ensure its fiscal soundness; and

13 WHEREAS, the results of these adjustments may be impacting some students in a
14 disproportionate manner, but the General Assembly cannot assess that impact without solid
15 data and information; and

16 WHEREAS, in particular, the General Assembly needs accurate demographic data and
17 information on its HOPE scholarship recipients.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the Georgia Student Finance Commission is urged to provide the General Assembly with
20 accurate demographic data and information on HOPE scholarship recipients to include, but
21 not be limited to, gender, race, and geographic location, with a separate breakout with regard
22 to Zell Miller Scholars.

23   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized

24   and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Student Finance

25   Commission.