

House Resolution 1725

By: Representatives Nimmer of the 178th, Houston of the 170th, Powell of the 171st, and Collins of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the need to raise awareness of Down syndrome; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Down syndrome, the triplication of the 21st chromosome, affects all persons
3 regardless of race, religion, socioeconomic status, or geography; and
- 4 WHEREAS, one in every 733 children are born with Down syndrome, representing
5 approximately 5,600 births per year and approximately 400,000 individuals in the United
6 States; and
- 7 WHEREAS, recent research has shown that early intervention, education, inclusion in the
8 community, and social support improves an individual's likelihood of living an independent,
9 productive, and satisfying life; and
- 10 WHEREAS, it is beneficial to inform the general public about Down syndrome, stress the
11 importance of early intervention, and celebrate the unique talents and qualities of people with
12 Down syndrome; and
- 13 WHEREAS, individuals with Down syndrome should have equal opportunities to achieve
14 universally desired goals of self-fulfillment, pride in their achievements, inclusion in their
15 community, and reaching their fullest potential; and
- 16 WHEREAS, awareness of Down syndrome is vital for creating a single global voice
17 advocating for the rights, inclusion, and well being of people with Down syndrome; and
- 18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the need to raise awareness of Down
19 syndrome be appropriately recognized.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize the need for Down syndrome awareness and encourage

22 the citizens of Georgia to work together to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with
23 Down syndrome as well as to celebrate their accomplishments and contributions to society.

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 the public and the press.