

Senate Resolution 1143

By: Senators Carter of the 1st, Goggans of the 7th, Williams of the 19th, Staton of the 18th, Rogers of the 21st and others

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 21, 2012, as Kick Butts Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, nationwide, nearly one-fifth of all high school students from ninth grade to 12th  
3 grade are current smokers, along with nearly one out of every 14 eighth graders; and

4 WHEREAS, in Georgia, 95,900 high school students smoke and 10,600 kids under the age  
5 of 18 become new daily smokers each year; and

6 WHEREAS, 10,500 adults in Georgia die each year from their own smoking and 184,000  
7 kids under the age of 18 and alive in Georgia will ultimately die prematurely from smoking;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, smoking kills more Americans than alcohol, AIDS, car accidents, murders,  
10 suicides, drugs, and fires combined; and

11 WHEREAS, Kick Butts Day is an annual national initiative sponsored by the Campaign for  
12 Tobacco-Free Kids that makes elementary, middle, and high school students leaders in the  
13 fight against youth tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
15 wish to stand up with the children of our state in opposition to the sale, advertising, and  
16 marketing of tobacco products to children and recognize March 21, 2012, as Kick Butts Day  
17 at the capitol.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.