

House Resolution 1952

By: Representatives Scott of the 2nd, Dickson of the 6th, Setzler of the 35th, Lindsey of the 54th, and Evans of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Reformed Theological Seminary; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) is one of the largest seminaries in the
3 United States, serving the church well by preparing pastors and leaders for more than 46
4 years, with 12,000 alumni serving in all 50 states and in more than 70 countries around the
5 world; and
- 6 WHEREAS, RTS recognized Atlanta and the State of Georgia as an important global
7 crossroads and founded a local campus in 1996; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the Atlanta campus of RTS was housed at The Church of the Apostles between
9 1996 and 2010 thanks to the generosity of Dr. Michael Youssef, and has experienced
10 tremendous growth and strong financial management under the leadership of its Atlanta
11 campus President Mr. John T. Sowell; and
- 12 WHEREAS, RTS made a further commitment and investment in the region with the purchase
13 of a 25,000 square foot facility in Marietta in 2010 to serve as a dedicated campus for RTS
14 Atlanta and seeks to serve students without uprooting them from family, church, or business
15 by offering a flexible, convenient, and accessible graduate theological education; and
- 16 WHEREAS, RTS is a winsome, interdenominational school and maintains relationships with
17 a variety of denominations and churches, including more than 20 denominations and many
18 more independent congregations, in its effort to become a regional impact center; and
- 19 WHEREAS, RTS Atlanta serves 300 students annually through four fully accredited degree
20 programs, with alumni serving today in pulpits of churches in the metropolitan Atlanta area;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the faculty, staff, and students of RTS Atlanta seek the welfare of their city as
23 taught in Jeremiah 29:7; and

24 WHEREAS, RTS Atlanta alumni and students are serving their community to impact the
25 region in various ways, including in area churches, tutoring underprivileged youth, leading
26 ministries in the inner city, planting churches, managing corporations, writing children's
27 books, policing the streets and neighborhoods, administering justice in courts of law, leading
28 campus ministries, parenting their children, and teaching elementary school; and

29 WHEREAS, RTS exists to glorify the Triune God and to serve the church by preparing its
30 leaders through a program of graduate theological education based upon the authority of the
31 inerrant Word of God and committed to the reformed faith, and it is abundantly fitting and
32 proper that RTS be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Reformed Theological Seminary for its contributions to
35 the field of education and extend to them their sincere best wishes for future success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reformed Theological
38 Seminary of Atlanta.