

## House Resolution 2033

By: Representatives Abrams of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Kendrick of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Wilkerson of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, Manning of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, and Hanner of the 148<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) and recognizing March  
2 28, 2012, as AVID Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) was developed by Ms.  
4 Mary Catherine Swanson at Clairemont High School in 1980; and

5 WHEREAS, the program began as an elective class taken during the regular school day  
6 where students were held to the highest standards and provided with academic and social  
7 support; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1992, the AVID Center was established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit  
9 organization, and the program since has evolved into a 4th through 12th grade system that  
10 successfully prepares those students who fall within the academic median for college  
11 eligibility; and

12 WHEREAS, beginning in one high school with 32 students, the AVID program has now  
13 expanded to 48 states, 16 countries, and 4,854 school sites, impacting over 425,000 students;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, AVID's systemic approach is designed to support students and educators as they  
16 increase school-wide and district-wide learning and performance; and

17 WHEREAS, public sector funding, independent research, and AVID's own data show that  
18 AVID students are more likely to take advanced placement classes, complete their college  
19 eligibility requirements, and be accepted into four-year colleges; and

20 WHEREAS, AVID is in eight school districts and 29 schools in Georgia and impacts more  
21 than 10,000 students; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this program be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body commend Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) for  
25 its contributions to the community, state, and nation, and recognize March 28, 2012, as  
26 AVID Day at the capitol.

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