

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to pass legislation increasing criminal penalties for  
2 offenders involved in illegal human trafficking and to provide greater assistance to the  
3 women and children victims of these heinous crimes; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, more than 27 million people are enslaved in the world today, more than at any  
5 other time in history, and the majority of those enslaved are women and children who are  
6 victims of the ever-growing sex trafficking trade that occurs in almost every country and  
7 territory of the world; and

8 WHEREAS, more than 50,000 women and children are trafficked into the United States for  
9 sexual purposes each year, with an estimated total of 700,000 such victims in the last decade;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, few reported cases are successfully prosecuted, and the penalties for  
12 perpetrators are minimal under the current law; and

13 WHEREAS, girls as young as seven years old have been found in the international sex trade  
14 market and girls as young as nine years old have been found in the sex trade occurring in the  
15 United States; and

16 WHEREAS, sex trafficking of women and children is a multibillion dollar industry and is  
17 often linked to organized crime, pornography, and other types of human trafficking; and

18 WHEREAS, the victims of human trafficking experience devastating physical, mental, and  
19 spiritual harm, often suffering from sexually transmitted diseases, forced abortions, sterility,  
20 chemical dependence, and other horrific injuries.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body condemn human trafficking and particularly the trafficking of  
23 women and children for sexual purposes.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge the Congress of the  
25 United States to pass legislation increasing criminal penalties for offenders involved in illegal  
26 human trafficking, to provide greater assistance to the women and children victims of these  
27 heinous crimes, and to take such other action to fight human trafficking throughout the  
28 world.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to each member of the Georgia  
31 congressional delegation and Governor Nathan Deal.