

House Resolution 19

By: Representatives Lindsey of the 54th, Oliver of the 82nd, and Wilkinson of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church (HIEC) is holding a Requiem Mass to honor
3 the children who lost their lives to abuse and violence in the State of Georgia in 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Holy Innocents' holds an annual Requiem Mass to remember the innocent
5 children who have lost their lives to abuse and violence, celebrate their lives in the
6 resurrection, and proclaim the love and reconciling grace of God; and
- 7 WHEREAS, this year's Requiem Mass marks the church's third annual event of
8 remembrance, love, and faith; and
- 9 WHEREAS, an average of four children die each day from child abuse and neglect in the
10 United States, and 80 percent of these victims are children younger than four years of age;
11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, on this day of remembrance, Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church urges all
13 citizens of Georgia to be aware of the continuing impact of violence and abuse on Georgia's
14 children and youth; and
- 15 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
16 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for its innumerable good works rendered
17 on behalf of children and youths in need.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body recognize Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church for its annual
20 Requiem Mass honoring the lives of children lost to abuse and violence, extend their most
21 sincere commendations on the dedication of its annual Requiem Mass service, and wish its
22 congregation continued growth and prosperity.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Holy Innocents' Episcopal
25 Church.