

## House Resolution 100

By: Representatives Henson of the 86<sup>th</sup> and Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Michael Conrad Hidalgo; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Michael Conrad Hidalgo has served the citizens of the State of Georgia by  
3 raising and administering over \$5 million of funding for scholarships and for children's  
4 education, performance, and visual arts programs; and

5 WHEREAS, Michael was born on January 24, 1963, a beloved son of Conrad and Joanne  
6 Hidalgo; and

7 WHEREAS, he graduated from Woodbride High School, Northern Community College, and  
8 the Arts Leaders of Metro Atlanta and attended Virginia Tech University; and

9 WHEREAS, Michael, along with his life partner, David Thomas, founded the ART Station  
10 Contemporary Art Center and Theatre Company in 1984; and

11 WHEREAS, he has served as the set, lighting, and sound designer for the ART Station  
12 Theatre for 28 years; and

13 WHEREAS, an enterprising and successful man, Michael has served in leadership positions  
14 in the Stone Mountain Historical Society and Main Street Stone Mountain, Inc., and is the  
15 current chair of the Stone Mountain Planning and Zoning Commission; and

16 WHEREAS, he has selflessly dedicated his time as a volunteer for the Women's and  
17 Children's Shelter providing meals and shelter for homeless families and for Nicholas House  
18 through St. Bart's Episcopal Church; and

19 WHEREAS, Michael's effective leadership and stylistic support were invaluable in 1996  
20 when he took on the role of Associate Director of the Opening Ceremonies of the 1996  
21 Olympic Games; and

22 WHEREAS, Michael and David worked together to create the David Thomas and Michael  
23 Hidalgo Theatre Arts Scholarship at Appalachian State University to benefit future arts  
24 administration leaders, providing an annual \$1,000.00 scholarship to a deserving arts  
25 administration student; and

26 WHEREAS, the City of Stone Mountain has been so moved by the dedicated actions of this  
27 valued member of the community that they have designated January 26, 2013, to be Michael  
28 Hidalgo Day in honor of this outstanding individual's unwavering spirit of good will and  
29 service.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the  
31 members of this body commend Michael Conrad Hidalgo for his exceptional contributions  
32 to Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, and the State of Georgia and congratulate him on being  
33 so appropriately honored by the community of Stone Mountain.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate a copy of this resolution to Michael Conrad Hidalgo.