

House Resolution 1054

By: Representatives Waites of the 60th, Brooks of the 55th, Jones of the 53rd, Thomas of the 56th, Gardner of the 57th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the victims in the Atlanta missing and murdered children case; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and our nation lost many innocent children in what is
4 known locally as the "missing and murdered children case" as the result of a series of
5 murders committed in Atlanta, Georgia, from the summer of 1979 until the spring of 1981;
6 over the two-year period, many African American children, adolescents, and adults were
7 killed; and

8 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Georgia mourn for those persons whose lives were
9 taken, and they will always remember the victims and their families; and

10 WHEREAS, the following victims and their families will remain in the thoughts and prayers
11 of Georgians:

12	Name	Age	Date of disappearance
13	Edward Smith	14	July 21, 1979
14	Alfred Evans	13	July 25, 1979
15	Milton Harvey	14	September 4, 1979
16	Yusef Bell	9	October 21, 1979
17	Angel Lenair	12	March 4, 1980
18	Jeffery Mathis	10	March 11, 1980
19	Eric Middlebrooks	14	May 18, 1980
20	Chris Richardson	12	June 9, 1980
21	Latonya Wilson	7	June 22, 1980
22	Aaron Wyche	10	June 23, 1980
23	Anthony Carter	9	July 6, 1980
24	Earl Terell	11	July 30, 1980
25	Clifford Jones	13	August 20, 1980
26	Darren Glass	10	September 14, 1980

27	Charles Stephens	12	October 9, 1980
28	Aaron Jackson	9	November 1, 1980
29	Patrick Rogers	16	November 10, 1980
30	Lubie Geter	14	January 3, 1981
31	Terry Pue	15	January 22, 1981
32	Patrick Baltazar	11	February 6, 1981
33	Curtis Walker	15	February 19, 1981
34	Joseph Bell	15	March 2, 1981
35	Timothy Hill	13	March 13, 1981

36 WHEREAS, this tragedy shocked the nation's consciousness, brought much needed attention
37 to the seriousness of child victimization, and forever changed the response by law
38 enforcement agencies to reports of missing children; and

39 WHEREAS, the case sparked a national conversation on improving mental health services
40 and providing for the safety of our children; and

41 WHEREAS, every year in the United States, an estimated 800,000 children are reported
42 missing, more than 2,000 children each day; of that number, 200,000 are abducted by family
43 members and 58,000 are abducted by nonfamily members, for whom the primary motive is
44 sexual; each year, 115 children are the victims of the most serious abductions; they are taken
45 by nonfamily members and either murdered, ransomed, or taken with the intent to keep them
46 permanently.

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
48 the members of this body commit to honor the memory of the 28 innocent and precious lives
49 lost in Atlanta, Georgia, by working to enact laws to provide for the safety of our children.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Georgia is committed to continue to work
51 until adequate laws are passed to protect our children and the adults caring for them from
52 tragedies.