

## House Resolution 1204

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, England of the 116<sup>th</sup>, Peake of the 141<sup>st</sup>, Frye of the 118<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Habitat for Humanity and recognizing February 4, 2014, as "Habitat for  
2 Humanity Day" at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit Christian housing organization that  
4 seeks to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities,  
5 and hope; and

6 WHEREAS, since its founding in Americus, Georgia, in 1976, Habitat for Humanity has  
7 served more than 600,000 families worldwide by welcoming people of all races, religions,  
8 and nationalities to construct, rehabilitate, or preserve homes; by advocating for fair and just  
9 housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve  
10 their shelter conditions; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgians from all 159 counties have volunteered their time, talents, and  
12 resources to create 70 local Habitat for Humanity affiliates to help their fellow Georgians  
13 meet their shelter needs; and

14 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Georgia, the state support organization for these 70  
15 local Habitat affiliates, was incorporated on January 14, 2009; and

16 WHEREAS, since 1976, Habitat for Humanity affiliates have built and sold more than 4,633  
17 homes with 4,633 hard-working families in the State of Georgia, financing them with zero  
18 interest loans; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition to building homes, Habitat for Humanity affiliates have provided  
20 service to 682 Georgia families with home repairs and rehabilitations; and

21 WHEREAS, the combined economic impact of this construction activity on the Georgia  
22 economy in 2012 was approximately \$2.6 billion; and

23 WHEREAS, thirty-one Habitat for Humanity ReStores have generated more than  
24 \$420,000.00 in sales tax revenue to the State of Georgia from the sale of discounted building  
25 materials, home furnishings, and appliances to Georgia residents wanting to preserve home  
26 ownership; and

27 WHEREAS, it is fitting to set aside time and recognize the efforts of Habitat for Humanity  
28 in Georgia over the last 26 years.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body commend Habitat for Humanity on their significant contributions  
31 to the community and recognize February 4, 2014, as "Habitat for Humanity Day."

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Habitat for Humanity.