

House Resolution 1344

By: Representatives Setzler of the 35th, Dudgeon of the 25th, and Oliver of the 82nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing March 22-29, 2014, as Atlanta Science Festival Week at the capitol; and for
- 2 other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education is vital
- 4 to the future of this state, enhancing the numbers of scientifically literate and skilled citizens
- 5 who enter the local workforce, are equipped to participate meaningfully in civic affairs, and
- 6 support the sustained economic vitality of this state; and

- 7 WHEREAS, our region is home to a rich collection of STEM resources, including private
- 8 industry, educational institutions, and cultural institutions, with particular strengths in
- 9 bioscience, public health, software development, and health information technology; and

- 10 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Science Festival is a week-long celebration of locally based science
- 11 and technology resources that highlights our region as a global leader in innovation; and

- 12 WHEREAS, during this week, scientists and educators from local universities, nonprofits,
- 13 and private companies will explain discoveries through hands-on activities, facility tours,
- 14 presentations, and performances; and

- 15 WHEREAS, the events will enrich and support STEM education in the classroom with
- 16 informal STEM oriented learning, exploration, and fun activities for both children and adults
- 17 to develop our community's scientific enthusiasts and inspire a new generation of great
- 18 thinkers; and

- 19 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Science Festival celebrates the deep integration of science,
- 20 technology, engineering, and mathematics in our lives today, shares the impact these
- 21 disciplines have on our community, and inspires us all to think deeply about the future; and

22 WHEREAS, the festival will strengthen connections between the sciences, the arts, and
23 humanities and enhance collaboration among local institutions and STEM professionals.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize March 22-29, 2014, as Atlanta Science Festival Week
26 at the capitol and encourage all citizens to recognize the science and technology in our region
27 and celebrate the many ways that science is connected to all parts of our lives.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and members of
30 the press.