

House Resolution 1683

By: Representative Battles of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2013 Child Fatality Review Committee of the Year and
2 Prevention Team Award, Cherokee County; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Cherokee County was recognized as having the 2013 Child Fatality Review
4 (CFR) Committee of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, the Child Fatality Review Committee diligently set about its directives of
6 meeting every month to review cases, submitting thorough reports of its findings, making
7 recommendations to the Georgia Child Fatality Review Panel, and initiating several
8 prevention activities to reduce child death and injury; and

9 WHEREAS, the committee received outstanding community support for efforts to initiate
10 a partnership with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and
11 Healthy Children to provide local agencies with the Period of Purple Crying educational
12 videos and to provide an all day training session on abusive head trauma; and

13 WHEREAS, the committee partnered with local news publications, high school officials, and
14 law enforcement officers to educate youth about sexual exploitation, sexual abuse penalties
15 and prevention, bullying prevention, suicide prevention, and the dangers of alcohol and drug
16 abuse; it also encouraged school staff to take the Darkness to Light Training offered by the
17 Anna Crawford Child Advocacy Center; and

18 WHEREAS, the CFR committee and the Office of the District Attorney hosted a table at the
19 Night Out Against Crime, providing information on infant safe sleep, abusive head trauma
20 awareness and prevention, teen suicide prevention, teen dating violence, and Internet safety;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the Cherokee County Juvenile Court, which is a member of the CFR committee,
23 offers two prevention programs: the Teen Driving Impact Panel and the Alcohol and Drug

24 Impact Panel, and the goal of these programs is to prevent teen fatalities or serious injury due
25 to traffic offenses and substance abuse; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to recognize with particularity
27 the outstanding accomplishments of this extraordinary committee.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join together to recognize the Child Fatality Review Committee
30 of the Year and Prevention Team Award for 2013 from Cherokee County and commend its
31 members for their outstanding service to their community and this state.

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 the Child Fatality Review
34 Committee of the Year and Prevention Team, Cherokee County.