

House Resolution 187

By: Representative Epps of the 144<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending REACH Georgia for its contributions to education and recognizing February  
2 6, 2015, as REACH Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen (REACH) Georgia is a  
4 public-private mentorship and needs-based scholarship program designed to promote  
5 academic success and increase access to, and completion of, post-secondary education; and

6 WHEREAS, REACH Georgia is a key program of the Complete College Georgia Initiative;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, education is a crucial asset for every individual and a strong determinant of  
9 overall success, and by the year 2020, projections are that 60 percent of jobs in Georgia will  
10 require a college certificate or degree; therefore, programs like REACH Georgia are  
11 becoming increasingly critical to prepare our youth so they have the opportunity to not only  
12 attend college, but to obtain a credential upon completion; and

13 WHEREAS, upon completion of high school, REACH Georgia awards program participants,  
14 REACH Scholars, a scholarship of up to \$10,000 that may be used at a HOPE-eligible two  
15 or four-year college, and many colleges have pledged to match or double-match the  
16 scholarship, providing scholars additional resources for their college education and further  
17 ensuring success; and

18 WHEREAS, members of civic, corporate, and faith-based communities throughout the state  
19 are coming together to volunteer through REACH Georgia by funding scholarships, serving  
20 as mentors and tutors, and providing college and career counseling to REACH Scholars; and

21 WHEREAS, three years after the launch, 150 students in 23 school districts are participating  
22 in the REACH Georgia program and are better prepared to achieve their greatest potential  
23 while leading happier, more successful lives.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend REACH Georgia for its contributions to education and  
26 recognize February 6, 2015, as REACH Georgia Day.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
29 REACH Georgia.